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Exploration Contract Challenged

by Sy Sims

The awarding of an exploration contract to Chevron Canada Ltd. was an "improper process" according to Fort Good Hope band councillor George Barnaby.

Chevron received the contract without reserve for the Fort Good Hope band's concern with control over social, economic, and environmental impacts, Barnaby said.

These community concerns were disregarded, Barnaby indicated recently, when the selection committee awarded the contract to Chevron. The committee is composed mainly of Canada Oil and Gas Lands Administration (COGLA) members in Ottawa.

The members of this selection committee disregarded both the minister of northern affairs and their own criteria when awarding the contract to Chevron, Barnaby said.

"We wanted knowledgeable people who knew the issues or the place. We didn't push hard

enough on that. We trusted the government to follow its own rules."

Before bids opened in December 1985, Fort Good Hope had already come to an agreement with British Petroleum on the exploration deal. This pact gave the community a degree of input into the environmental protection, social and economic benefits and management, according to Barnaby.

The band councillor claimed Chevron's bid of \$41.7 million also may have been based on a

leaked copy of the Fort Good Hope/British Petroleum agreement.

Once the tender was awarded to Chevron and band members attempted to contact the selection committee in Ottawa, "everyone disappeared; everybody went on holiday", Barnaby said.

COGLA was always against the agreement, he said. "What they wanted, I guess, was to do it their own way."

"If I was the minister, I would have fired a few continued Page 2

Science Doesn't See 'The Big Picture'

by Jim Crow

Popular scientist David Suzuki gave a resounding speech recently on the dramatic effects that science and technology can have on nature.

Suzuki drew a standing ovation from the crowd at the three-day Stein River Festival near Lytton in British Columbia. The event attracted 750 registrants.

A troubling vision of technology gone amiss was Suzuki's theme, and in his philosophical, wide-ranging speech he voiced his support for the preservation of such ecological gold mines as B.C.'s Stein River Valley.

"My father always brought me up saying the Indians and Japanese are the same people, that the Japanese came over the Bering Strait and into North America," Suzuki said. "So, we're all brothers."

He discussed the technological changes that

arose from the emergence of modern Western science in Europe some 300 years ago.

"Scientists made no pretense of being able to explain everything in the world," he said. "Scientists isolated a small part of nature and controlled and measured everything that came out of that isolated fragment."

Suzuki continued: "With all those fragmented bits of knowledge, we acquired an illusion that we can understand and control nature through science."

With the combined power of science and technology, mankind is altering the surface of the earth; and Suzuki pointed out that one species of plant or animal is going extinct everyday — and that rate is increasing.

"So it seems ironic to me that with all this increased brain power, that we can no longer do what got us here in the first place," Suzuki continued Page 2

Blood Band Dispute

Custom Or Law?

A lack of clear definition as to what government system to follow — the Indian Act or Band Custom — is the reason behind a recent dispute on the Blood Reserve.

The powers and responsibilities of the chief and council need to be clearly defined in order to avoid confusing the electorate, according to a Blood journalist.

Mary Ann Crow has said the dispute centres around the validity of the Blood Tribe custom by-laws and regulations, not whether the chief and council's term is two or four years. Blood council members have used these bylaws to determine their election procedures, and they were agreed to by Blood people.

In the Indian Act, the powers and responsibilities of chief and council are clearly defined. However, the confusion arises because in the Band Custom there is not this clear definition.

The problem on the Blood Reserve is that council has assumed power and has made decisions for the people as a whole. The next step, then, is for the issues surrounding Band Custom to be dealt with.

The present election system was established in 1962 when the band members themselves decided upon the two-year system for chief and council. Prior to 1962, a life-time hereditary governing arrangement was in place.

In 1976, under the Indian Act, the Blood chief and council decided to follow Band Custom rather than the election regulations prescribed in the Act.

The Bloods are not apathetic, Crow said. "They are living under a paternalistic government. They are not informed about any council decisions. They don't know what their rights are."

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Exploration — continued

bureaucrats. They screwed everybody up. No just us. They screwed the minister."

Oil companies who did not want communities to have much input in exploration may have influenced the selection committee, Barnaby claimed.

However, the deputy administrator of COGLA disputed this claim. Jeff Carruthers stated that the selection committee gave equal weight to community benefits and community concerns.

Criteria included commitments to native employment, training programs, environmental monitoring, local contracts, and equity and management participation.

by Sy Sims

A new four-year election system may lead to the suspension of the Blood chief and the tribal council.

A group of Blood protesters, adamantly opposed to the new system, has petitioned the Indian Affairs minister to suspend the chief and council until the matter is resolved.

With the new system, the current two-year terms for the chief and council will become four-year terms.

The elections will see the six highest vote-getters of the 12 positions available given four-year terms. Those receiving fewer votes will get two-year council terms.

In 1988, after these two-year terms are fulfilled, an election will be held for the six seats available. From then on, all positions will be for four years.

The Blood protesters have sought a three-month suspension for the chief and council until the elec-

tion system issue is cleared up. The group wants a referendum on the new system, and the protestors are asking that the voting age remain at 21 rather than 20.

The group demonstrated recently on the Blood Reserve, and the chief and council were harshly criticized for making decisions behind closed doors and for not consulting the membership.

At the demonstration, Bloods were urged to take a firm stand on the new election system. One of the group said "It's up to us to form a solid group. It's time for people to wake up to support us, because the new system has far-reaching implications."

Many issues need to be settled before the new system can be put in place, another Blood claimed. "We have problems on the reserve because we

have no policies, code of ethics or terms of references for our chief and council."

The dissident group claimed a lack of communication and information exists between the Bloods and their chief and council.

The group will continue to lobby provincial and federal ministers — including Brian Mulroney — to convince Indian Affairs minister Bill McKnight to reverse the Blood chief and council's decision for a new election system.

Big Picture — continued

explained. "Which is to look at what we're doing, project the consequences, change and do something else."

Suzuki believes this is because the great strength of science, its ability to focus on an isolated part of nature, is also its greatest flaw. Science cannot encompass — or even conceive of — "the big picture".

Thus, he said, true resource management is non-existent "because our comprehension of those ecological systems is far too incomplete, and always will be."

"No one could have predicted the consequences of acid rain; or the destruction of the Gorge River caribou herd in James Bay; or of the mercury poisoning in Grassy Meadows. We only learn of these things after the technologies or projects are already in place."

A profound spiritual change in humanity's relationship with nature is the only answer to the problems of society, Suzuki said.

He concluded by saying: "For those of us who are non-Indians, the native fight is a fight for all of us. I read a Green Party poster that moved me very much. It said, 'We do not inherit the earth from our parents, we borrow it from our children.'"



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Society Withdraws From The Olympics

After 19 months of hard work and negotiations, the Alberta Indian Arts and Crafts Society has withdrawn its funding applications for the 1988 Olympics activities.

This difficult decision was made after reviewing all options and weighing the chances for a successful project, considering the short time frame remaining before the Olympics.

It should be noted that the decision to withdraw was not in any way influenced by the Lubicon Lake boycott activities.

The original concept had been altered and the proposal revised to a great degree in our attempts to please the funders (OCO '88, Native Economic Development Program [NEDP], and Alberta Municipal Affairs Native Services Unit).

We had not received a firm financial commitment from NEDP nor from Alberta Municipal Affairs Native Services Unit, and NEDP had made an unexpected about-turn in its view of the proposal. The Society was not prepared to make further changes or concessions in its proposal, especially at such a late date.

OCO had previously committed \$60,000 to this project in March 1986, but had suddenly issued a new stipulation 8 months later for release of these funds. The Society was not prepared to become entangled in political issues which are the concern of OCO and must remain so.

OCO's Native representative, Sykes Powder-

face, has said there will be lots of Native participation at the Olympics. Unfortunately OCO cannot provide concrete information in this regard, but it appears as though no provisions are being made for the inclusion of residents of areas outside the Treaty 7 boundaries. The Society is worried that residents of the other Treaty areas in Alberta will be overlooked.

The funders appear very ready to commit to the high profile Olympic activities, but not inclined to commit to a project involving long term economic benefits to the Native community. This is a direct contradiction to earlier statements made by all three funders.

The Society will not provide the window dressing for Native involvement at the Olympics unless some long-lasting economic rewards are realized by Alberta's Native population. The major benefits must go back to the grass roots level; to the small producer who cannot afford to participate individually but who could benefit from a collective process organized by one key co-ordinator.

The Society also believes that to create a demand for Native arts and crafts but be unable to continue to supply products through an established source, will hurt the industry much more than help it.

The Society is hoping that there will be concrete opportunities available for its 1,778 members at the Olympics with lasting economic benefits, but as time progresses the possibility diminishes.

This situation could prove most unfortunate and embarrassing in a city where "cowboys and Indians" are the main attraction and where the heavy international tourist trade and media at the Olympics will be seeking authentic Indian products.

Job Training Project

by Al Davis

GRANDE PRAIRIE — Canada Employment Centre Manager Doug Nesbitt today announced the signing of a \$250,000 job train-

ing project under the Canadian Jobs Strategy with the Lesser Slave Lake Indian Regional Council and the Bigstone Band of Wabasca.

Funded under the Skill Investment program — the largest to date in Alberta, the 41-week project is designed to provide 21 administrators currently working for the nine participating bands with business management skills, said Nesbitt.

The 20 weeks of classroom instruction will be coordinated by the Community Vocational Centre in Slave Lake at the Driftpile Recreational Complex. Topics to be covered include management process, organizational behavior, personnel management, communication, accounting, legal issues and band economic development. Trainees will also receive 21 weeks of on-the-job training at their host band.

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New Criminal Code Proposed

by Sy Sims

Blame is at the heart of a proposed revamping of the Criminal Code system in this country.

The federal Law Reform Commission says no one should be guilty of a crime unless he is somehow to blame for the act — either purposefully, negligently, or recklessly.

These three levels of blame would determine the seriousness of all the specific crimes covered in the new code.

Commission president Justice Allen Linden said that aspect of the proposed code is what he is most proud of. "Now that may not make for

good headlines, but it's very good law reform."

Here's an example of how the level of blame would work. Let's say a man and a woman are out on the weekend hunting deer. The rifle fired by one hunter kills the other. The crime can be construed as either murder, manslaughter, or negligent homicide.

- **MURDER:** If one hunter deliberately points the loaded rifle at the victim, and recklessly doesn't check to see if it is loaded before pulling the trigger.

- **NEGLIGENT HOMICIDE:** If one hunter fails to check whether the rifle's safety is engaged before, for example, climbing a fence and the gun discharges, killing the victim.

Francois Handfield, project co-ordinator, said there would be a much lower threshold of negligence "if a marked departure from the ordinary standard of reasonable care took place".

But the neat plan starts breaking down at the nastiest type of crimes, worthy of a separate category of first-degree murder "to reassure the public".

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Store Owner Escapes Charges

by Jerry Garcia

The convenience store owner who shot and killed a robber almost three weeks ago in downtown Montreal will not face any criminal charges, said Yves Legace, chief Crown prosecutor.

Legace indicated that he did not have enough evidence "to show the man committed a criminal act", and added that Guy Guilbeault, the store owner who shot the robber, was acting within the terms of the Criminal Code section on self-defense.

On the evening of November 18, Jean-Marc Proulx, a 29-year-old unemployed man from Montreal, walked into Guilbeault's store with a pellet gun, and demanded money from his cash register.

Guilbeault told reporters he gave Proulx about \$300, and then reached under the counter to pull out his licenced .357 magnum handgun. "I told him, 'don't move. I'm calling the police'. But he kept going and that's when the shot was fired."





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Natives Demand Entry Into Aquaculture

by Hy Chaparral

Both the Nisga'a and North Coast Tribal Councils are calling for the removal of a moratorium placed on aquaculture.

And the Nisga'a band has also threatened to block development of any aquaculture areas if Natives can't have a bigger say in its operation.

Nisga'a council representative Harry Nice said that if this proposal isn't supported, "you will see the same action as was taken on Lyell Island and Meares Island. "We're at the end of our rope."

Nice also charged that some large firms — which he did not publicly name — would be able to secure the best possible areas for fish farming if natives weren't involved.

Representing a sizeable number of British Columbia bands, the North Coast Tribal Council has reiterated their interest to become a part of the aquaculture industry. The council believes fish farms would be ideally suited for their people because of the long history and cultural heritage of Indians in the fishing industry.

Both councils would like to see an eight-kilo-

metre limit around their reserves so they could develop an independent economic plan.

The president of Prince Rupert Sea Farms, Dave Shearer, said Indian involvement would actually hurt the industry. He said investors have already sunk more than \$1 million to get the projects underway.

President of the Northern Trollers Association, Dan Doerksen, expressed concern about the long-term biological effects of fish farms on the coast. His organization represents more than 100 native and other trollers in the province.

Sport And Commercial Interests

Fishermen Challenge Nisga'a Deal

by Jim Crow

In an effort to prevent the federal government from granting a portion of the Nass River salmon run, the Nisga'a Indians a group of commercial and sports fishermen are going to federal court later this month.

The salmon run is part of a comprehensive claims settlement between the Nisga'a Band and the federal government.

As legal counsel for the Pacific Fishermen's Defence Alliance and the B.C. Wildlife Federation, Chris Harvey said late last month that he will challenge the federal government's decision to create an "exclusive fishery" out of provincially protected property rights.

At a rally in Richmond, B.C. attended by more than 150 fishermen, Harvey remarked that he wants to block Ottawa from reaching a conclusive agreement with the Nisga'a until the issue is resolved. He also noted that if the court cannot hear his case in the very near future, he will seek an interim injunction.

Many B.C. fishermen fear federal negotiators will hand as much as one-third of the Nass River fish stocks over to the Nisga'a. And they're particularly angry that negotiations have proceeded without any public involvement.

The president of the defense alliance and the Canadian representative on the Pacific Salmon Commission, Paddy Greene, remarked that if there is a historic debt to pay to Indians, it should be paid by all Canadians, not just fishermen.

He was also perturbed that Ottawa has given B.C. Indians more than \$16 million to pursue their claims over the past decade. Those funds will eventually be deducted from future land-claim settlements.

The chief federal negotiator for the Nisga'a claim to the Nass Valley, Fred Walchi, recently told reporters that negotiations have been going on for a decade now, so it isn't likely the issue will be resolved within the next year.

Walchi admitted salmon and other Nass River fish are on the bargaining table, along with specific management rights.

Federal documents entered in B.C. Supreme Court several months ago detailed plans to increase natives' share of the B.C. salmon catch from 17 per cent to almost 35 per cent under the comprehensive-claim settlements.



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Hypothetical Native Gets 13 Years

by Everett Lambert

In a study which found wide disparity in sentences suggested in hypothetical cases, the instance of an 18-year-old native Indian was found to be a "particularly extreme case".

The study, carried out in 1980, was financed by the federal government's Solicitor-General's Department, presently headed by James Kelleher.

Although carried out 6 years ago, the study has been suppressed by that department ever since, states Simon Fraser University's Professor Ted Palys. A professor in criminology, Palys was the primary author of the 250 page report.

The "unique study" found "remarkable" disparities in the decisions arrived at by 206 Provincial Court Judges in five hypothetical cases. The judges were presented with details pertaining to each case and asked to supply the sentences they would give and their reasoning.

Of the five, the case of the 18-year-old native Indian proved to be the most prominent. The particulars were that this individual had a juvenile record and a deprived background. He had entered a residence and tied up the two elderly occupants. Holding them at gunpoint, he stole several thousands of dollars in possessions. Most of the judges gave 3½ year jail sentences.

However one judge handed out a sentence of 13 years; while another, suggested a

suspended sentence. Thus under the former sentence a convict in a similar case would spend some eight to nine years in jail. However if this same individual was lucky enough to be dealt with by the latter judge he would likely not be incarcerated. By any standard, these sentences are dramatically different.

The report — entitled *Beyond the Black Box* — was revised by the department after the first draft was completed. Although Palys' name appears in this draft, he states that he had not even been contacted by the department on this second draft.

The department's suppression of the document was based on "... the way the contract (relating to the study) was worded ...". The wording, claimed the department, sets out that the document was to remain departmental property. Avoiding offending the judges was also cited, reported the *Globe & Mail*.

Of course the real question at this time — to be asked by both Natives and non-Natives incarcerated and not — is this: *Are there contemporary cases in Canadian penal institutions where prisoners are serving long periods of time, who wouldn't be, had they been dealt*

with by a different judge? The question can also be turned around: *Are there criminals out there who should be, and should have been (for the last long while) jailed.* I'm sure we can all relate this story to certain individuals and cases.

Of course we are all only too aware of the high incidence of Native incarceration. But here are some statistics which bare special relevance to the findings. These statistics were gathered by the same department.

Although Natives comprised, in the years 1979 to 1983, 1.2% of the population they comprised 9% of the federal penitentiary

population. There was also an over-representation of Natives under the age of 20 in these institutions (3%). Almost half of the Natives incarcerated in that year were convicted of violent offences (48%). About 2 in 5 had previous offences (38%) and about 7 out of 10 were serving sentences over 3 years long (69%). Thus we have a plethora of stats — that how much more prone Natives are to being dealt with by the judge who gave the 18 year old 13 years.

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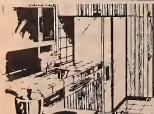
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Everyone Profits From EXPO

by Peter Racey

The legacy of Expo 86 has all but guaranteed a boom year for the Canadian tourism industry.

As the world exposition in Vancouver wound down, Expo 86 continued to be a powerful magnet for American tourists. Figures released recently by Statistics Canada indicate that visits to British

Columbia by U.S. residents in September were up by 138 percent over the same period last year.

These figures show that it is almost certain that the combination of Expo 86, the continuing relative weakness of the dollar, the terrorist threat abroad, and federal and provincial tourism promotion packages will produce a record year for

the burgeoning Canadian tourism industry.

"It certainly looks good", said John Lawson, executive director of the Tourism Industry Association of Canada.

Canada's tourism industry is a \$21-billion-a-year business, and Lawson predicted that the increased visits in 1986 could pump an additional \$6 billion into the industry.

Latest travel figures for the first nine months of 1986 indicate that long-term visits — more than one night — to Canada by residents of all other countries were up by 19 percent to 13.9 million from the same period a year earlier.

However, trips by Canadians outside the country were down 0.4 percent to 10.7 million. Vancouver's Expo 86 prompted many Canadians to travel within their own country this year, and that, too, has added extra revenue to the tourism industry.

Statistics Canada also released a report showing that, during the second quarter of the year, Canadians took an estimated 28 million trips in Canada. This is 23 percent more than the same period in 1984. The quarterly survey of Canadian travel is done every second year only.

The results so far this year suggest that "the downward trend in domestic travel that was evident in the early '80s, and particularly acute in 1984, has come to a halt."

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Northern Schools Await Federal Funds

by Hy Chaparral

According to a northern Alberta school district estimate, the federal government owes the province at least \$23 million for schools built since 1982. But at this point, it's not clear the feds will shell out any monies at all.

Under routine federal-provincial cost-sharing agreements, the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs "pays" the province for the tuition and capital costs of educating close to 2,000 Treaty Indian students in northern Alberta.

But some four years ago, Alberta Education decided to begin construction of several Northland District schools before any solid cost-sharing plan was in place. And now, school division officials, along with federal and provincial agents, concede the province might not receive a red cent for their efforts.

Northland Schools Division secretary-treasurer, Fred DeKleine, said he is waiting for a reply to a letter he sent almost five months ago. The letter details the \$23 million estimate of its

outstanding account — just \$4 million less than the district's entire operating budget. DeKleine asked the federal government to pay "its rightful share".

DeKleine was informed several weeks ago that he should hear an "optimistic" decision before the end of the year.

But Indian Affairs' regional superintendent of federal-provincial education agreements, Jerry Fishers, doesn't see things quite so rosy. He indicated he couldn't do much because of strict policies issued from Ottawa, and repeated that there were "no firm commitments made to share the costs of the schools".

Indian Affairs' rules spell out that local bands using each school must have a cost-sharing agreement in place before any funds are doled out.

Said DeKleine: "We have requested Indian Affairs to deal with this problem, because we didn't seem to be making any real progress. We want to know what their position is. We have to come to some kind of solution, and pretty quickly."

Fisher maintained both the school districts and the provincial government were fully aware of the procedures. "And yet they went ahead and built these schools without

any approval from the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs."

Despite moving ahead without any official agreement, Alberta Education's director of school business administration, Steve Cymnol, contended the province's decision was absolutely necessary. An education inquiry completed in 1981 revealed that

almost all northern schools were sub-standard, and the province didn't want to wait for all the formalities to be completed.



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Bands Receive Back-Up Assurances

by Jim Crow

As protection against lower prices for natural gas, the Department of Indian Affairs has set aside about \$1 million for resource-rich Alberta bands.

Alberta bands may find their income is cut as a result of the November 1 deregulation of natural gas. Analysts expect that prices

could drop by as much as 40 percent.

The Department of Indian Affairs is already preparing for a "worst case scenario". Programs are now being initiated in case bands find that their income has dropped.

"Of course, no one knows how low the price could go," department manager Bob Dixon said recently. "It's all pure

speculation right now."

Some bands may find that they cannot pay for the services they used to provide for their people. "The department will have to quickly step in — if and when we are needed", Dixon stated.

A number of Alberta bands receive money from gas resources on reserves, and these include: Sar-

cee and Stoney in the Treaty 7 area; and Enoch, Saddle Lake, and Hobbema in the north.

Deregulation of gas prices was agreed upon by the Alberta government earlier this year. The decision, however, was reached before the recent drop in oil prices hit the province's economy.

The agreement has garnered some opposition in the legislative

assembly, as at least one MLA has demanded that provincial energy minister Neil Webber revoke the accord.

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Native Threaten Island Occupation

by Jim Crow

Kwakwaka'wakw Indians say they're planning to occupy Deer Island soon in an effort to prevent loggers in nearby Port Hardy from cutting down trees. The Indians claim the unoccupied island is part of their ancestral heritage.

Christine Hunt-Peel, Kwakwaka'wakw spokesman, said as many as 40 band members are prepared to make the journey by boat to the island very shortly if the situation doesn't change. If and when they get to the island, Peel said band elders would nail a seven-sided copper shield to a tree, symbolizing Indian ownership of the 68-hectare strip of land.

Port Hardy RCMP Sgt. Cameron Reid told reporters that police are continuing to monitor the situation,

but so far no confrontations have taken place.

Reid added that he didn't think the natives would be "causing any problems".

Area natives have a spiritual attachment to the heavily-wooded island, situated about a miles from the Indian village of Tsakis.

Up until the turn of the century, Deer Island was the site of the band's burial grounds, noted chief councillor David Hunt. Many local natives whose relatives are buried on the island feel very strongly that it should be left in a natural state.

Hunt suggested the mood of the vigil could change dramatically if loggers come to the island. "It would not be as peaceful as we originally intended," he said.

The island was purchased for logging by Archie Haleta earlier this year as part of a deal with MacMillan Bloedel, one of Canada's forest industry giants.

Haleta remarked that plans are now

afoot to clear the timber stands by 1990. He contended the timber retrieved from the island could be worth as much as \$1 million. And Haleta also indicated that the Indians reneged on a log swap proposal that would have seen them ultimately gain full title to the island.

Peeler confirmed the Kwakwaka'wakw band could have agreed to let Haleta log timber from other closeby lands as a trade-off to leave Deer Island untouched, but she said her people felt it didn't owe Haleta anything.

"Why should we pay or trade for something we've always owned."

At a meeting of the Native Brotherhood of B.C. in Alert Bay several weeks ago, a resolution was introduced to support the band to the hilt. The Kwakwaka'wakw Band also sent a telegram to Prime Minister Brian Mulroney urging the federal government

to enforce an 1851 treaty signed by the Kwakwaka'wakw and James Douglas, governor of the colony of Vancouver Island.



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Most Natives To Benefit From Bill C-31

by Jim Crow

Extensive research and statistical evidence suggests most disenfranchised natives are eligible for status Indian rights, but the picture isn't so bright when it comes to restoring traditional hunting and fishing practices.

Information gathered and supplied by the Grande Cache Native Recreation and Referral Association (NRRA), indicates that a great majority of natives are eligible for full status, said Perry Bennett, head of membership for Native Affairs.

However, it's still far from clear just how many natives will actually be reinstated with full status rights. Perry said the association still has to figure out what exactly they are eligible for, as well as what avenues natives can take to ensure themselves of gaining status rights.

The Department of Indian Affairs, working in conjunction with the Alberta Indian Association and NRRA, is only now beginning to evaluate what direction is best for natives.

Because of Bill C-31,

legislated only last year, non-status natives have found themselves in a unique situation. Bennett cautioned the matter may take some time yet before any decisions are reached. "It could take as short as five months, or as long as five years."

Currently, NRRA is gathering genealogical backgrounds on all natives in the area.

Judi Desjarlais, director of NRRA, said she believes at least 90 per cent of disenfranchised natives are eligible to regain their status.

Hunting and fishing rights, however, are another matter. Many natives have been trying to regain those privileges. Hunting and fishing rights were first granted by the provincial government in

1969, but were revoked in January, 1985.

In an effort to help compensate natives who rely heavily on meat, the government granted subsistence hunting areas to those regions and natives most in need. But the NRRA wants to see full hunting privileges returned before Indian status is officially given.

DIAND Under Scrutiny

by Peter Racey

The federal Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development is about to undergo some serious scrutiny.

Bill McKnight, minister responsible for the department, has called for the Treasury Board to undertake a major review of the lands, revenues, and trust functions of the department.

McKnight's request was sent in a letter to the Treasury Board's president Robert de Cotret in late October.

Along with the Treasury Board review, the Indian Affairs department will undertake the remedial measures outlined in the Auditor General's 1986 Annual Report.

McKnight said: "Over the years, many Indian leaders have expressed growing concerns over selections of the Indian Act which require the Crown to manage Indian lands and monies."

"Through the Aud-

itor General's investigations and internal reviews of several provisions of the Indian Act, it has become obvious that a fundamental review of the whole area is required," McKnight said in his letter to the Treasury Board.

McKnight let it be known that action will be taken immediately on this issue. "I concur with several of the Auditor General's findings. The importance of the prudent management of the lands, revenues, and trusts area of my department cannot be overstated."

Remedial steps initiated already range from organizational changes and reviews to

staff training, procedural reviews relate to trust accounts for minors, and automation of the land registry system.

"A number of the difficulties that have been encountered to date are legislative in nature. Several provisions in the Indian Act are out of touch with government policies."

"Still another part of any ultimate solution can be traced to human resource requirements," McKnight said. "I propose to review this situation."



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Aboriginal Title And Rights A Must

by Peter Racey

The priority of all Indians in Canada must be the recognition of aboriginal title and rights, according to a British Columbia Indian chiefs' spokesman.

This recognition of aboriginal title and rights remains the Union of B.C. Indians Chiefs' fundamental political goal after almost two decades, President Saul Terry told delegates to the 18th annual assembly of the UBCIC.

However, the goal continues to be postponed,

Terry said, because of blatant tactics used by governments in Canada that are determined to "govern Indian people out of existence".

Terry said, "Let us remember that Canadian policy has always been designed to achieve a Canadian takeover of Indian title by governing Indian people out of existence."

Indian people can only expect to bargain in good faith with the governments of Canada once these "hidden agendas" of assimilation are abandoned by

those in power, Terry claimed.

He called on all Indian people to reaffirm their commitment to obtaining recognition of their title and rights, "Only then will the Canadian government change its present course; we must put aboriginal title and rights back on top of our priority list".

Delegates to the annual assembly also were blessed with the presence of guest speaker Bishop Remi De Roo of Victoria. The bishop spoke eloquently on the subject, and he reinforced the aboriginal title and rights theme by referring to a speech given

to native peoples of Canada by Pope John Paul II during his visit in 1984.

The rights of native people to aboriginal title is "the formal policy of the Roman Catholic Church", De Roo said.

"The Pope used those words deliberately, knowing full well they would have certain reverberations in Canada," De Roo said. "The church stands in very clear solidarity with your quest for self-government".

Items also discussed at the conference included legal and constitutional updates. The Assembly of First

Nations intends to have one more general meeting before the First Ministers' Conference in 1987.

The Assembly of First Nations heads into the constitutional meetings with the idea that any proposed constitutional amendment must include the Assembly's position on sovereign title, jurisdiction over land and

resources, and the right to self-government.

The chiefs at the UBCIC gathering later passed a resolution to begin the process of formalizing existing inter-tribal agreements and treaties.

"If we want Canadian governments to recognize us, we have to recognize each other," Terry said.

Constitutional Talks Encouraging

Native constitutional talks appear to be back on track, and national Indian leaders are optimistic over the progress made at recent meetings.

Following the latest round of sessions in Toronto, Dorothy Wabasca, vice-president of the Native Council of Canada, said "I got the sense of more of a commitment to progress from the provinces and the federal government."

The meetings were "most promising", according to George Erasmus, national chief of the Assembly of First Nations.

This is a change, Erasmus said, because Indians had faced a summer of frustration in dealing with bureaucrats. "It seemed that the process had gone adrift."

"The best thing we

can say came out of the meetings was the expression of political will. There will probably be some rough areas ahead, but the future looks reasonably good."

Representatives of both the Assembly of First Nations and the Native Council of Canada applauded the commitment by the provinces for a higher level of participation.

"There was more input from all the provinces," said the NCC's Wabasca. "Before, one or two of the provinces — Ontario, Nova Scotia — would participate in the discussion and the others would just ask the occasional question."

"This time all the provinces, even Newfoundland, participated," she said.

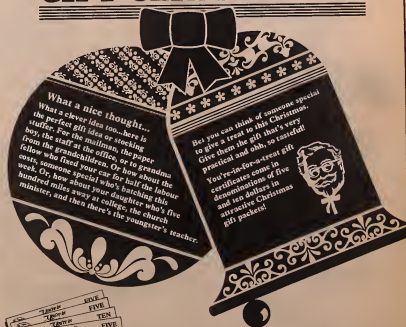
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Good News For ATC

CN Again Postpones Double-Tracking

by Jim Crow

Canadian National Railways has decided to delay indefinitely a proposed double-tracking system between Edmonton and Vancouver and that is good

news for the Alliance of Tribal Councils (ATC).

The decision gives the Alliance some breathing room in its fight with CN Rail to block the double-tracking system along the

Thompson River in central British Columbia.

Double-tracking along the Thompson River has been held up by a court injunction, and the case is expected to go to trial sometime in 1987. The Alliance has attempted since 1982 to change CN Rail's plan to dump tons of rock into environmentally sensitive fishing sites along the Fraser and Thompson river corridors.

Alliance lawyer Leslie Pinder said "Their case is severely damaged by this, because of their argument that twin tracking is in the national interest of Canada. The forecasts they used to justify it just do not exist."

CN Rail's decision to delay the \$500 million double-tracking system between Edmonton and Vancouver was based on lower-than-predicted

freight traffic and financial losses, according to a company spokesman.

"In order to double-track, you need projected growth. That growth just isn't there," said CN Rail's Al Menard.

The delay is only temporary, he said, and the company fully intends to complete the project. The company also plans to continue its court battle with the Alliance of Tribal Councils.

The Alliance of Tribal Councils consists of 36 member bands from the Stolo, Nl'kpmx and Shuswap tribes.

Meanwhile, the 36 members of the Alliance successfully applied for a court injunction against two Victoria-based ethnographers hired by CN Rail after leaving the employ of the Nl'kpmx

Tribal Council earlier in the year.

The sense of betrayal is particularly acute, according to an Alliance spokesman, because the pair are fluent speakers of several Salish languages.

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Native Housing Dilemma

B.C. Tenants Ticked Off

by Jim Crow

A recent decision in a Vancouver courtroom has dismissed allegations of any wrongdoing for the control of the Vancouver Indian Housing Society.

The charges stem from VIC Housing

Society's Board of Directors pulling away from the directorship of the Vancouver Indian Centre last February.

The matter was taken to court to question the constitutionality of this move, and the subsequent validity of the by-laws regard-

ing its future autonomy. This is a situation that one day may have an impact on the future of native-run housing in British Columbia.

Also, tenants who live in properties run by VIC housing further contend that the Board of Directors are negligent in the day-to-day operation of the housing units.

A high percentage of tenants listed their

names on a petition in early October demanding "the immediate resignations of the Housing Society's Board of Directors". Also, the tenants petitioned that the society "transfer control of their affairs over to Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation on an interim basis".

The tenants believe the Board of Directors are not meeting the

original mandate of the housing society. The society was formed "to provide affordable, decent housing, owned and controlled by the urban native community for their common benefit and mutual assistance".

Claims have also been made by tenants that they were unable to approach the general membership of the society with grievances, as membership consists

only of the Board of Directors.

A spokesperson for the tenants of VIC Housing said: "we will continue our actions and explore all avenues open to us".

All parties involved in this matter, however, have agreed that should control of VIC Housing be shifted away from natives, it would reflect negatively on the community as a whole.

Drug Patent Changes Unpopular

by Hy Chaparral

Deputy Prime Minister Don Mazankowski recently threatened closure to stem the debate on the federal government's controversial amendments to the Patent Act affecting prescription drugs.

But just several hours later on the same day, Mazankowski reversed his decision and decided to move ahead with less stringent restrictions on debate known as "time allocation".

Jean-Robert Gauthier, a Liberal MP, said the change in tactics caught most opposition MPs off-guard, but at least gives them a little more time to fully scrutinize the proposed bill.

Shortly after Mazankowski made the original threat of closure, Margaret Birrell, director of the B.C. Coalition of the Disabled, charged that the government was trying to push through the legis-

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She said her group is part of several organizations that are protesting the drug patent act changes.

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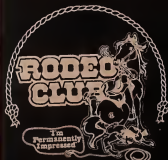
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Feds To Hire More Natives

by Jim Crow

The number of natives working for the federal public service

commission should increase if Ottawa meets proposed hiring targets.

The federal govern-

ment's goal, as outlined by Treasury Board secretary Gerard Veilleux, is to have four percent of the public service positions filled by native Canadians. Last year, natives accounted for 1.1% of the 220,000 federal jobs.

In an effort to have the public service more closely represent the Canadian labour force, Veilleux has urged all

federal departments to retain and, in some cases, increase the number of women, natives, and disabled persons working for the government.

A recent case in British Columbia put Veilleux's directive to the test. Two natives were laid off from their jobs with the Salmonid Enhancement Program despite this effort to preserve Indian jobs

with the public service.

Barry Cordocedo, a community development officer who deals mainly with Indian bands doing enhancement work, and Florence Van Alstyne, secretary to the program's director, were soon rehired as a part of this minority jobholder push.

An opening has dev-

eloped that will allow Cordocedo to remain in his Vancouver Island job, according to Harold Swan, the enhancement program's director. Van Alstyne has been offered jobs elsewhere in the government.



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A Gift For The Needy

by Hy Chaparral

Canadian families earning less than \$15,000 annually have a special Christmas gift in store for them. Revenue Canada is sending out an advancement of \$300 per child from the 1987 child tax credit. Most families should have received the payment by December 1.

A spokesman for Revenue Canada said that the timing is right because many are in need of the extra funds right now. He also noted that the taxmen are hoping to reduce the high profits made by income tax discounters.

Agencies such as H&R Block purchase tax forms like the TFA1, T4, and others for a percentage fee. Because hard cash is offered by these agencies, the poor in dire need of funds sell their tax returns for less than what the returns are actually worth.

The spokesman cautioned however, that all those receiving the advance funds are still required by law to fill out tax returns for 1987. The TFA1 slips needed for child tax credits will be sent out as usual with the January, 1987 family allowance.

Child tax credits for the upcoming year are worth \$454 per child. As soon as the tax forms are received by Revenue Canada, all advances will be automatically deducted, and everyone will get \$154 — which will be the balance of the total child tax credit.

Revenue Canada said the advanced payment does not include babies born in 1986. The parents of these children will have to wait for 1987 to file a claim.

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F.S.I.N. Senator Visits U of A's School Of Native Studies

by Everett Lambert

Elder John Tootoosis from the Poundmaker Nation in Saskatchewan recently visited the new School of Native Studies at the University of Alberta.

Mr. Tootoosis is a member of the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations (FSIN) Senate and will very soon receive the Governor-General's Order of Canada Award. At the age of 86, John is also the subject of a biography written in 1976. The book, *John Tootoosis*, was co-authored by Jean Goodwill and Norma Sluman. John also has an extensive history in Saskatchewan Native politics.

The supposed purpose of his visit was to

give a lecture to the Native Studies 300 class on the treaty signing process carried out between the British Crown and Canadian Indian Nations. However, the lecture, which ran in excess of 3 hours (including a very well attended potluck lunch), covered a surprisingly much broader spectrum of subjects.

Starting out with the pre-treaty era, Tootoosis told how, traditionally, Indian nations had their own systems of law in place — laws which were adhered to by society. For instance, conservation laws relating to the environment and wildlife were one of the more important laws that operated within the land.

He reflected on the

educational system which produced the "experts" and "professionals" required in day-to-day Indian life. There were those whose profession it was to hunt, and those who were experts at sewing. Bands and tribes also had people who were knowledgeable in the area of sanitation — people who knew when it was time to move camp, etc. Thus, there was a systematic life here in place when Europeans arrived.

"I'm proud I'm an Indian," said Tootoosis. "I know how Indian people were before these people came."

He stressed that the Indian treaties were between "nations". Indians signed with the British Empire, who used the Canadian authorities as administrators. He thus did not agree with the participation of the provinces at the present constitutional process. It is also all-important that the treaties were signed in perpetuity. They are to last "... as long as the sun travels ..."

"Today we have teachers, lawyers, ... we have some doctors. These are our tools." He said, however, that Natives must try to live a proper life, and must deal with the alcohol and drug abuse problems. The importance of education was also a recurring theme in his presentation. Several of the students asked him searching questions concerning Natives and the issues they face. In most of his answers he stressed the importance of

"studying" these issues, and returning to the communities and working for their people.

After the first part of his lecture, there was a potluck lunch at the Native Student's lounge. I have to comment on the interest the university com-

munity paid to this event — and not just the university community. Besides the attendance of professors, support staff, program directors, students, etc. from the university, there were also others from the community at large. Native organizations

sent people, the media was obviously there, and several people who were just generally interested. I have never seen the Native lounge as packed as it was that day — a healthy sign of Native Studies at the University of Alberta.

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Air-India Investigators Find New Evidence

by Hy Chaparral

James Kelleher, the federal government's Solicitor-General, said recently that newly discovered evidence has given investigators some hope that charges

will be laid in the wake of last year's Air-India jetline catastrophe. 329 people were killed in the incident.

Making an appearance before the Commons justice committee, Kelleher refused to

specify where or how the evidence was received, or whether imminent charges would result.

Said Kelleher: "I think I can say there is new evidence which gives us hope. I am heartened by some of the evidence that must now be evaluated to see if it will support the laying of charges."

The Air-Indian jumbo jet went down off the coast of Ireland on June 23, 1985. Most of the passengers on board were Canadians.

Kelleher pointed out the investigation into the affair might be jeopardized if he revealed more information, although he told reporters the new details have come to light fairly recently.

The federal committee overseeing Canada's security service indicated last June that the investigation may have been throttled by sloppy police work.

Kelleher, however, defended his department, saying the inquiry was both thorough and competent, and lauded the RCMP and the security service for their professionalism.

He also turned down a request from Liberal MP John Nunziata for a federal inquiry into

the crash, saying that kind of investigation could turn out to be disruptive, even harmful to the case.

He later told reporters that he and Transport Minister John Crosbie would be going to Cabinet in the very near future with new proposals on air-

port security. Kelleher did not elaborate on his statement.

Asked about hiring practices in the security service, Kelleher told the committee that there is a move to hire more francophones and women. The service is aware of the need for members of ethnic

minorities as well, but no quotas or targets have been set, he added.

Even though the service has been criticized for confusing subversion with legitimate dissent, Kelleher said he was not aware of any breaches or infractions.

ogy department, Clifford Gladue from the Fishing Lake Metis Settlement, and John Samson, Samson Band Elder, will all be lecturing at the School in the near future. Mr. Price also hopes to bring in a Metis Elder. For further information the school can be reached at 432-2991.

Tootoosis — continued

After lunch everyone moved upstairs to the Athabasca

Lounge. Here, his lecture included a comprehensive history of Saskatchewan Indian organizations. He talked of founding an organization that ultimately, after a series of amalgamations, became the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations, with its recently newly elected president Roland Crow.

He also, in closing, reflected on the histories of some of Edmonton's local bands: the now defunct Papatash Reserve, once situated in southern Edmonton, the also defunct Iroquois Reserve called the Michel Band (Callihoo), and the Bobtail (Montana) Band, one of the 4 band of Hobbema.

Thus it proved to be

a very interesting day at the School of Native Studies. The Director of the School, Richard Price, also has other guests on the schedule. Dr. Michael Asch, on leave from the chairmanship of the U of A's Anthropol-

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Berger Back To Lawyerly Ways

by Jim Crow

Former B.C. Supreme Court Justice Thomas Berger is preparing to get his name back in the headlines again. Berger, who is best known for his involvement in Indian land claims, is taking on more criminal cases. In the past several months, he's been considering taking up the cause of convicted U.S. racketeer Robert Satia-cum.

The former judge said better lawyers usually don't restrict themselves to one specific field of law. "I've accepted some civil and

criminal appeals in other fields, and I teach part-time at the law school at the University of British Columbia," says Berger.

Now 53 years of age, Berger also sits on a tribunal that oversees internal elections for the United Steelworkers of America.

But the fact remains that Berger is best known for his work with native peoples. Nearly a decade ago, he headed major inquiries into native land claims in the Mackenzie Valley and Alaska.

In the near future, Berger will be taking

up the case of the Manitoba Metis, who are claiming land — including a sizeable slice of downtown Winnipeg. The land was promised to Louis Riel by the first prime minister of Canada, Sir John A. Macdonald.

Berger will also be defending the Clayoquot and Ahousaht bands, who are claiming title to Meares Island, and the 36 bands fighting Canadian National Railway's scheme to double-track along the Thompson and Fraser Rivers.

Berger has played an instrumental role in the development of environmental law in this country. From 1957 until 1972, he also helped break new ground in Worker Compensation Board appeals, libel and slander, and labour law.

But his most notable legal achievements concerned the rights of natives. Berger won a case heard by the Supreme Court of Canada,

in which the Court recognized the Nishga's historic land claim to their ancestral home on B.C.'s north coast.

Shortly after that landmark decision, then justice minister John Turner appointed Berger to the B.C. Supreme Court. Ironically, the decision was handed down shortly after

then Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau remarked that aboriginal law was too vague to be considered in a court of law.

Several years later, the federal government's Indian Affairs minister, Jean Chretien, announced that Ottawa was prepared to start negotiations with native groups that

had never formally signed treaties.

Berger is fearful that a major blow against Indian land claims could soon happen in the United States. Native land rights in Alaska are in jeopardy because natives there can't pay their debts. Berger noted the land could be turned over for public sale.



Police Looking For Ethnic Recruits

by Sy Sims

Cultural influences, rather than restrictive eligibility guidelines, are keeping ethnic minorities from seeking careers with the Edmonton city police department.

This proportional disparity in the city force arises more because young people of ethnic minority backgrounds are not encouraged by parents to go into police work. In many cultures, police officers are viewed with a certain degree of contempt.

Such an unsympathetic view of police officers and the role of the policeman in society is the main reason for an under-representation of ethnic minorities in the force, according to Edmonton police chief Robert Lunney.

The police department has been trying to ignite interest in the ethnic communities, Lunney says, but there is a cultural reluctance for the young people to come into the police force because of the attitudes of the community and of the elders.

The Edmonton police department is trying to reach out to the ethnic minority groups, as more and more officers of certain ethnic background are needed to effectively deal with the concerns of a growing multicultural population.

However, Lunney believes that young people are not encouraged but are actually discouraged by parents from entering the world of the policeman.

In many cultures throughout the world, police officers are seen as being corrupt, authoritarian, and repressive characters. Quite often, parents would be more apt to direct their children towards careers in law or medicine instead of considering the police force.

The police department has tried to combat the problem of ethnic under-representation in the force by using its own members of ethnic backgrounds to actively recruit other members of their community.

Ten years of trying to crack this cultural barrier has produced some results with two of the three present black policemen having been recruited by another black community resource officer.

The Edmonton police force, for the first time in three years, will be expanding in November when it brings on twenty-five new recruits.

With the additions of the department, the Edmonton police hope to make some inroads into the ethnic minority cultures in the city, and to remove those proportional disparities on the force.

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Let us persevere,
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Let us be more and more understanding,
Oh grant us these, our prayers, on this day,
Let us be safe.

by Diana Selsor

This prayer is the epigraph of *The Peigan: A Nation in Transition* published in 1986 by Plains Publishing, Inc. in Edmonton. This is the first of a series of new learning resources developed jointly by Native people and provincial school jurisdictions. This particular book is designed to fit the grade seven social studies curriculum and provides teachers with a meaningful alternative to current materials on culture change.

Over 23,000 Native students attend provincial schools. They represent Metis, non-status, and treaty Indians with distinct histories, cultures, and life-styles. In November 1984, the Hon. David King, then Minister of Education for Alberta, established the Native Education project team to develop a policy basis for improved education to Native students and their communities, and to co-ordinate the development of educational materials and resources suitable for use by both Native and non-Native students.

Dr. Ralph Sabey is director of the project, and team members are Pearl Calahasen, Merv Kowalchuk, and Bernie Makokis. Marjorie Dressman from Indian Affairs was with the team for four months. The Native Education project team went to each community in Alberta with a sizeable Native population and met with Native people to hear their concerns and their views on the current education of their children. From these 180 meetings and various letters and papers came a policy of partnership. In order to develop school materials that meet the needs of Native

people and benefit every student, there must be a partnership of schools and communities.

According to Merv Kowalchuk of Alberta Education, the working model for the development of the first books and teaching guides in the series has been that Native people provide the content, teachers write it up to fit the program of studies, students provide the testing, and publishers produce the approved manuscript. There are 12 projects now underway. Each one of these needs a publisher who could complete the project with colorful, well-designed, sturdily-bound books suitable for school use.

Bill Donahue discussed the involvement of Plains Publishing in the project. The company was formed in 1985 with the intention of focusing on educational publishing. A certain amount of courage is needed to start any publishing company in Canada. With Canada's small population and large geographic distances, publishing and distribution costs are so high that one almost needs a guaranteed market in order to break even.

The Native Education project series provided Plains Publishing with the type of work they wanted, and Plains could provide the quality publishing that the school boards needed. Says Donahue, "We pursued the contracts that were available to any publisher. We looked at the project for feasibility and knew that one book would not do it. So far, we have signed 11 of the 12 contracts with the school district."

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deputy minister in charge of Native Affairs, Pat Reid was a social studies teacher and Randy Morse was the manager of a large publishing company in Alberta. Additional partners in the company are the Samson Band at Hobbema. They plan to develop other multicultural materials for groups across Canada, and want to include audiovisual and computer-based technologies in addition to books.

Bob Kirk, editor at Plains, says there is a sense of idealism involved in creating worthwhile materials like these. "We are presenting, almost for the first time, the Native perspective. We are incorporating the spiritual and artistic views of real people — presenting Native culture from the inside, rather than from a white, anthropological point of view."

Lionel Crowshoe, a Peigan Nation band councillor from Brocket, Alberta was part of the education committee responsible for this publication. He says this is the first time an approved curriculum resource has been done entirely by Native people.

"The kids were hungry for this kind of information. And the ripple effect has been tremendous. Children are going back to their parents to talk about what they have seen in school and are asking their parents for more information. The parents, in turn, are asking the grandparents — and so ties within the community have been strengthened."

As a result the local resource library has been expanded and people are bringing in more stories and more pictures, and there have been

requests, on and off reserve, for elders to come and speak in schools or communities. The ripple effect extends even beyond the province, says Crowshoe. "People have called from Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Montana, and Washington asking to see the book and wanting to know how the idea started and what could be done to start similar projects elsewhere. I think that one reason co-operation between government and community worked so well and community participation was high, is that none of us took a hard-line stance, the project was important and we were all willing to compromise if necessary."

For Native children the series instills feelings of self-worth, dignity, and pride. For non-Natives, the Native Education project series will give a better understanding of various non-European cultures. Modern lifestyles are shown along with traditional ways of doing things.

Three more projects will soon be published. From the Northlands school district comes *A Northern Native Family*, for grade one. The Blood Band and the Lethbridge and Cardston school districts are publishing *Land of the Blood* aimed at the grade three curriculum; and the Lakeland separate school district is working with the Kehewin Reserve and the Elizabeth Settlement to write *Native Governments* for grade six. Soon after these are published, a beautiful book on Native art will be ready for publication. People in the Lac La Riche area are working on this project and it will be geared to the junior high art program.

In all, Plains Publishing expects the Native

series to have about 25 titles. All will be available through the school book branch at a very reasonable cost. For those concerned about the lack of Canadian content in the schools, this partnership policy seems to be an excellent model for change.

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great deal towards ensuring maximum all-round development for her child.

In addition, when providing such materials, the parent must consider the child's age, what he is interested in, and what he is able to do at this age.

In this article, our aim is to give parents of children of pre-school age some guidance in what they can do to make their child's life full and happy.

If we have at least given you some answers to the age-old question "What can I do now, Mommy?", then our objective is fulfilled.

Two To Three-Year Olds

The two-year-old likes large bodily movements, and, therefore, likes best toys that involve the use of his entire body: pushing and pulling toys, such as wheelbarrows, prams, carts, hobby-horses, simple wooden trains and cars.

For construction and to be used in conjunction with these, a few large wooden blocks are useful.

As a child at this level cannot concentrate for long he needs a variety of simple, colourful toys. All fitting toys are suitable, for example nesting cups, boxes, barrels, pyramids, pegboards, simple puzzle insets, hammer-pegs, large beads for threading and simple screw toys.

Like a magpie, he loves to collect bits and pieces and a variety of other people's belongings. Sticks, stones, leaves and sand are an integral part of his play.

In addition, mother can provide this, cartons and every kind of box that opens and shuts. He will enjoy a cuddly toy, and a simple doll, preferably washable.

Sand is essential, so are spades, buckets, scoops and moulds. Every child should have the opportunity for some sort of water-play, such as bubble-blowing, washing, or just scooping and pouring water.

At this stage, the child's creative abilities are very limited but he does enjoy painting and the feel of finger-paint and clay.

Books should be of a durable material, preferably cloth.

The two to three-year-old child likes simple pictures depicting familiar things: domestic animals, toys and other children.

At this stage of his development, the child is so engrossed in exploring his own world that he is not very interested in other children or playing with them.

He is extremely possessive and is quite

unable to share — in fact, it should not be expected of him.

Four to Five-Year-Olds

A child in this age group is very active and needs equipment that will develop his co-ordination, imagination and self-reliance. This means that he needs a variety of equipment especially for use out of doors (some of these things can be made economically at home), such as tricycles, wheel-barrows, wagons, carts large enough to ride in and tires.

Trees for climbing are made more interesting by the erection of a platform with a railing, a knotted rope for climbing and a rope with a ring.

A four to five-year-old likes to do more than "mess" with sand and water. In addition to the usual collection of scoops, funnels, sieves, etc., he will really enjoy experimenting with a small scale for measuring.

Games of skill such as guits, target games, bats, balls, rackets, hoops, skipping ropes can be given to children of five and over.

Fitting and threading toys, form-boards, posting-boxes, jig-saws with large pieces, mosaics, picture and colour dominoes are all materials exercising the mind in the use of shape, size, colour and texture.

Any constructional toys such as and Tinkertoys, Makimore, large and small building blocks and Tappit boards are popular with children of this age group. They also enjoy toys that 'do things', such as trains that fit together, cranes, dinkies, etc.

The four to five-year-old has an intensely vivid imagination, and materials catering for this interest will afford really satisfying play. Some sort of dolls' corner — made with small light screens — or a Wendy House with the usual accessories of doll's bed, pram, table and stools, pots and pans, is recommended.

Dressing-up clothes can also be kept in this corner.

Creative materials should always be available for these busy little people — paints, clay, scissors and glue, crayons, chalks, and, for the five-year-old particularly, a large collection of waste materials which can be used alone or with other toys.

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According to John Kettle, a well-known Canadian futurist, this is happening because Canada is becoming a post-industrial society and will move more and more toward providing services. The service sectors used to be the infrastructure — a support system for the main economy, but this is no longer so. He

said it is important to understand what service involves — everything from providing haircuts and meals to data processing and transportation. He stressed the role of information gathering and distribution.

Kettle told delegates to the Northern Alberta Development Council Challenge North Conference in Fort McMurray last October, that the trend toward information collecting and dispensing will continue to grow.

For example, data processing can be done as easily and as efficiently in northern Alberta as in Toronto. "Maybe better — maybe cheaper," Kettle said.

In light of this trend, there could not be a better time for the North to understand communications systems, to find out what is needed, and to look to updating what it already has with a view to taking advantage of any and all opportunities concerning communications.

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Development Sub-Agreement Assistance Announced

PEACE RIVER, Alberta — Ten northern Alberta communities, businesses and educational institutions have accepted offers of assistance totalling \$677,511 under the Canada/Alberta Northern Development Subsidiary Agreement. The projects assisted under this new federal-provincial agreement will invest \$2.1 million in northern Alberta, with six part-time and 20 full-time jobs expected to be created.

The funding was announced today by federal Regional Industrial Expansion Minister Michel Cote and by AJ "Boomer" Adair, Alberta's Minister Responsible for Northern Development.

Highway North Holding Ltd., of High Prairie, will use assistance in the amount of \$60,900 to establish an industrial service centre to provide services to resource-based industries in the area. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$405,400 with two full-time and four part-time jobs expected to be created.

Fort McKay Indian Band, located near Fort McMurray, has accepted two offers of assistance totalling \$37,700 for management and accounting services and to prepare a community economic plan and business opportunity identification and feasibility analysis. The study is expected to become the basis for future economic development initiatives on the Reserve. Total cost of the two projects is estimated at \$51,000.

Grande Prairie Regional College will use the \$135,854 received under the terms of the Agreement to support the establishment of a Rehabilitation Practitioner Service Program at the College. The total cost of the program is almost \$592,000 over three years. Two immediate jobs are expected to be created and the anticipated 20 trained practitioners graduating each year will fill a need in the current job market.

Tel Inc. of Fort Vermilion has accepted \$108,000 for the establishment of a grocery store featuring fresh meat and produce. In total, this project is estimated to cost \$280,00 and to create eight new jobs.

Keyano College, in Fort McMurray, will receive \$85,548 over three years, to be used for counselling services to residents of northern remote communities who attend the college. This project is estimated to cost \$147,000 in its entirety, create one full-time immediate job and lead indirectly to employment of graduates.

The Paddle Prairie Mall Corporation, located on the Paddle Prairie Metis Settlement, has accepted \$57,000 to establish a general store to serve the needs of residents as well as travellers on the Mackenzie Highway. Total costs of the project is estimated at \$161,000 and it is expected that four full-time jobs will ensue.

Kevin Greshner, of Manning, has accepted \$8,772 for the establishment of a welding and

fabrication operation which will serve resource-based industries in the region. The total cost of the project is estimated at over \$47,000, with one additional full-time job resulting.

A new Regional Economic Development Board in Valleyview has been provided with \$35,000 per year over five years under the terms of the Agreement to stimulate diversification and to promote effective use of local human and natural resources. Two full-time and one part-time jobs are involved. Total cost of the project is estimated at \$387,000.

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Spirit Lodge In Indian Hands

by Jim Crow

Unquestionably the most popular exhibit at Expo '86 in Vancouver Spirit Lodge is now in the possession of a West Coast Indian band.

Large organizations like the Canadian National Exhibition attempted to buy the pavilion, but in the end the prized showpiece structure was given to the Nimpkish Indians of Alert Bay. Several of their band members acted as consultants for producer Bob Rogers' spectacular three-dimensional show about an Indian legend.

Rogers and General

Motors, the sponsors of the pavilion, donated the replica Indian bighouse to the U'Mista Cultural Society.

U'Mista museum curator Gloria Cranmer said the lodge — including the stage and sets for Rogers' show — is currently in pieces in a spare room at the Alert Bay museum.

The U'Mista society, which helps run the U'Mista Museum, are almost ready to execute their plan to rebuild the lodge for use in Indian education, as well as tourist-related events.

The reconstruction of the lodge will now however, include Rogers' production of

a 3-D Indian legend that used holograms and other fantastic special effects.

Derwyn Shea, president of the the Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto, made a very strong pitch to acquire the lodge several months ago. But a spokesman for Rogers' production company said the show is now officially over. Theresa Kobayashi, Rogers' publicist in Los Angeles, California, noted that while the technology is "very much alive, I think it's fair to say Spirit Lodge is finished".

Several spokesmen for the 1988 world's

fair in Brisbane, Australia, have already approached Rogers' company about the technology.

Various organizations had been interested in purchasing the structure, said Cranmer, "but rather than have Spirit Lodge go anywhere else, we felt it should come here".



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Infant Sets The Pace

by Gerry Garcia

An eight-month-old boy from New Hyde Park, N.Y. had a miniscule heart pacemaker planted in his chest last month, and from the way he happily sucked on a bottle of milk shortly after the ordeal, he looked as if he could care less about his role in making medical history.

The youngster, Timothy Anthros, is the very first infant to receive a new silver-dollar sized pacemaker, said the surgeon

who performed the delicate operation.

The doctor also explained that the pacemaker represents a major advance in medical technology, and assures everyone that the use of such devices in babies is very safe.

Weighing less than 30 grams, the revolutionary pacemaker has now been implanted in some 500 adults in just the last three months!

Timothy, whose parents hail from the Long Island community of East Northport, received

his pacemaker after doctors discovered an irregular heartbeat that continued after a hole in his failing heart was closed some four months ago, said the surgeon.

Last week, little Timothy was allowed to leave the hospital. He was actually given some baby food just six hours after the operation.

The child's pacemaker is programmed to boost the heart any time it's rate falls below 90 beats a minute.

The unit can hold more information than other pacemakers twice its size, and produces no bulge that would make it detectable to others, said Dr. John Lubert. "In 1981, pacemakers were still the size of hockey puck," he added.



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Supermailboxes Not So Super

by Hy Chaparrel

Several weeks ago, the federal government told Canada Post to halt the installation of its new invention

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The order was given after Donald Lander, Canada Post president, informed a parliament-

ary committee that faulty or duplicated locks have been discovered in at least 1550 supermailbox sites around the country.

Bernard Valcourt, Minister of Small Business, told the Commons committee that

further plans to install even more superboxes has been scrapped until the post office can satisfy the government that it has established proper quality control.

He made the announcement on behalf of Michel Cote,

the minister responsible for Canada Post, who was away from the House on other business.

This latest fiasco marks the third major flaw discovered in the receptacles in less than a month. Over the past

several weeks, the Post Office has had to repair upside-down lock bars, and poorly aligned doors. Special metal catches to prevent the boxes from being yanked open by hand were also installed.

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Postal Rates Certain to Rise

by Jim Crow

Many Tory backbenchers who tried to derail Canada Post's move to cut service and raise the rates of mailing, have apparently put it back on the tracks.

In a surprise move raucously resisted by opposition MPs, the Tory majority of a Commons committee passed a motion last week that, in effect, clears the last significant hurdle for Canada Post in getting its controversial increases approved.

New Democrat postal critic Cyril Kepper said the dock was "ticking towards rate increases", as he was leaving the committee's morning session.

Kepper and Liberal MP Alfonso Gagliano remarked that the incident shows that Tory MPs are beginning to knuckle under to government pressure.

Vice-chairman of the committee, Saskatchewan Tory John Gormley, proposed that it report to the

Commons on its hearings up till now. That motion received passage by a 3-2 margin — the three being Tory MPs, and the two others opposition members.

Gormley conceded the motion will now allow Canada Post to publicly announce its rate increases in the Canada Gazette so

MPs and the business community can see them.

Once the figures are published — and it's expected the cost of mailing a letter in the country will go up to 36 cents — interested parties have a maximum of 60 days to make representation to the Crown corporation. The government can

then take another two months to study them.

In the past, however, such increases have routinely been given consent within days of the first 60-day period.

Gormley asked for the move after Canada Post president Donald Lander refused to give the committee details on the proposed rate increases.

Post Office Slowdown

by Jim Crow

Progressive Conservative MP Chuck Cook said last month that a major turning point could take place between postal unions and Canada Post when the postal corporation begins its new policy of contracting out mail services to private business. The move is part of an overall strategy to lower the huge postal deficits.

"The post office is talking about franchising post offices and considerable contracting out as part of its master plan", Cook said recently in Vancouver. "That spells all kinds of labor trouble."

Explained Cook: "The Canada Post

plan to privatize and contract out mail service across the country would mean the loss of union jobs, which is going to cause major disruptions in the postal unions".

As a member of Parliament for North Vancouver-Burnaby, he

noted that the postal plan needs a further review.

Terry Roberts, Canada Post's communications manager for the Pacific Region, said he would not answer any questions until they reached his office in the form of a letter.



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Natives Get Support From Labour

by Peter Racey

Indians in British Columbia seeking the settlement of aboriginal land claims now have the support of the B.C. Federation of Labour.

Labour leaders and representatives of Indian bands from around the province reached the agreement by signing a formal

declaration in Nanaimo.

Delegates to the two-day conference discussed topics of mutual concern, such as land use conflicts, economic development, land claims, and fisheries.

B.C. Federation of Labour President Art Kube said "we must make everyone understand we have a common cause." He con-

ceded that many union members are "narrow minded" when it comes to the issue of land claims, but he indicated that the settlement of the James Bay agreement in 1975 resulted in economic spin-offs for the non-native population of northwestern Quebec.

One area of contention that has often caused friction between natives and non-natives is that of fisheries. The conflict was not resolved at the conference in Nanaimo, but participants in the fisheries workshops did recognize the need for one position on the matter.

Said Kathy Teneese, chairperson of the fisheries workshop, "Fisheries is part of land claims, but it's also something we can deal with now. There are things we can do for ourselves, rather than wait for third party solutions imposed on user groups, which is a no-win situation."

However, the president of the United Fishermen and Allied Workers Union, Jack Nichol, said, "Fish should not be used as currency in the settlement of land claims." Native people should increase their share of the fishery through salmon enhancement rather than at the

expense of other fishermen, he stated.

The meeting was long overdue, according to Cliff Andstein, secretary-treasurer of the labour fishermen. "The labour movement goes back a long way in this province. There will be conflicts in the future, but as Joe Mathias said, we are the powerless fighting against the powerful."

George Watts, Nuu chah nulth Tribal Council chairman, said, "My father believed strongly in one thing: if you want something, do it for yourself, but make sure you never push down another human being to do it."



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IAA Advisor Levels Tokenism Charge

by Peter Racey

The Indian Association of Alberta has pulled out of the Alberta Fish and Wildlife Advisory Council, charging that its seat on the council was nothing more than "tokenistic".

The move followed the recent resignation from the council of Ken Steinhauer, a representative for the IAA on the advisory

nation, Steinhauer then made a strong recommendation that the IAA stop all its dealings with the province's fish and wildlife advisory council.

According to Smith, new regulations released in late October are meant to do away with treaty-protected rights to hunt and fish. The new statutes have no mention of the special and historic rights that are given to Indians.

Out of season hunting and fishing without licenses are examples, Smith said, of the charges being brought against Indians. "We are getting reports and requests for help almost everyday from our people who are being harassed by Fish and Game officers, so there is definitely a pattern developing."

The advisory council and the government of Alberta have begun a campaign against Indians, according to Smith.

The IAA has a lot to offer, but the council has not sought the input of the Indians' group, he claimed. "We can show that. I think we are the biggest conservationists of wildlife. And we are not being recognized."

In resigning its seat

from the wildlife advisory board, the IAA has stated clearly to the government its position that it intends to fight to maintain Aboriginal rights.



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board. At that time, Steinhauer had claimed that the council was "obsessed" with the abolishment of Indians' hunting and fishing rights.

Gregg Smith, IAA president, said the decision was made to quit the board because the council never bothered to consult with IAA members when issues involving the rights of Indians were being discussed.

"When the association first agreed to protect our rights and at the same time contribute to a conservation strategy for the province," he said, "we found out, as other Indian groups have found out in similar situations, that our involvement was never intended to be anything more than tokenistic."

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Metis To Develop Management Proposal

by Everett Lambert

Dwayne Desjarlais, of Native Resource Management Consultants, has been awarded a contract to develop a proposal relating to forestry management on the 8 Metis Settlements in Alberta. The contract was awarded by the Settlement Sooniway Corporation (the Settlement's economic development arm).

The proposal Desjarlais is working on is aimed at attaining

monies for a forest inventory. Once this inventory is in place the Settlement can begin work on a long range forestry management plan. Thus the process will involve three steps: the first would be getting funds for the inventory, the second would be to put together the inventory, and the third (based on the inventory) would be to develop a long term forestry management plan. Ultimately, of course, the settlements would manage

their forestry resources.

In literature relating to the plan it states that "The Alberta Metis Settlements are working toward becoming self-governing bodies, and in doing so... are accepting certain responsibilities. In keeping with Metis' responsibility to land, Settlement Sooniway Corp. is examining the possibility of implementing... a Settlement Forestry Management Project."

This would involve

an "indepth analysis of the state of forest resources on each settlement." and this is what Desjarlais' task will involve, an "indepth proposal". The proposal is expected to be in place by Christmas of 1986.

As a process such as this involves a gargantuan task the Settlements are approaching it in a somewhat patient manner and looking at a "50 year" time frame.

The education of settlement members

would be a priority. Members would be encouraged to continue their studies, at technical schools or universities. "Special consideration would be given to qualified members..." Locals will also be employed in other aspects of the compilation of inventory data.

In respect to the feasibility of the project the Settlement Sooniway Corp. has a conservative approach

and states that further research "must" be done.

In a telephone conversation, Desjarlais stated that he "is working closely with the Settlements", and that the project was "initiated at the Settlement level".

Desjarlais closed by pointing out that it is important that "the type of inventory is in accordance with their (the Metis Settlers) planning philosophy".

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Treaty 6 Infighting Continues

by Peter Racey

Time has been wasted on mud slinging and name calling, and Treaty 6 members of the Native Council of Canada (Alberta) want to get down to business.

"We want to say first of all, that the fighting on the board is just a repeat of the old board," said spokesperson Haddie Jahner. "All the new board has done is fight and hold improper meetings."

Board member Frank Logan said the type of work the NCC(A) is trying to accomplish is beneficial to native people. "This

society is here to help native people regain their status, to be Indian again."

The infighting is destroying the value of the organization, he added.

The board has settled all its problems, Jahner said, at the Rafter Six annual assembly. The assembly addressed the issues of concern over money being unaccountable, the signing of cheques, and the question of where NCC(A) money was being spent.

"All of this took place at Rafter Six, and that is where it should have stayed," Jahner said. "There is so

much to do without the board fighting."

The members made it clear that, for the organization to function efficiently, the board of directors for the Alberta branch of the Native Council of Canada must be made accountable.

Members stressed that the board of directors will be scrutinized and held accountable by the people who elected them to those positions.

"We put them there to run it for us," Jahner said. "It is our society, and it is something we are building for our children and for our children's children. When my

child grows up, I want that board to still be there" representing her.

"We are building the foundation for our children, and they will put up the walls; hopefully, our grandchildren will put the roof on."

With all the concerns of mismanagement at the administration level being dealt with at the earlier assembly, the Treaty 6 members appear to have taken the initial step toward accomplishments for the organization.

Funds
Running Short

by Jim Crow

The Indian Act Secretariat of the Native Council of Canada may be on its last legs, as funding for the secretariat officially ended in early November.

The secretariat was developed to aid non-status Indians in regaining their rights under the Bill C-31 amendments to the Indian Act.

Office director Edmond Gus said: "Even though I'm not being paid past November 7, I'll continue to answer the phone and help in any way I can."

The secretariat lost its funding while applications for reinstatement continue to come into the Indian

Affairs department at the rate of thousands per month.

The last official production for the secretariat was a conference in early November to explain the rights and benefits open to reinstated status Indians.

Lectures, panel discussions and workshops were organized to explain the constitutional and statutory rights of new status Indians, and the discretionary benefits that they may or may not have.

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Twenty-Two Family Housing Units Open On Peigan Reserve

by Al Michael

BROCKET — 22 single-family homes which have been built on the Peigan Reserve with federal government assistance, were officially opened in Brocket on Wednesday, December.

The Peigan Nation Administration received approximately

\$350,000 for the development from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada. The remaining capital cost, \$1.09 million was met with a five-year loan from Morguard Trust Com-

pany. The loan is insured under the National Housing Act by CMHC, Canada's housing agency.

Assistance from the Government of Canada is provided in the form of a maximum annual subsidy of approximately \$95,200 to reduce the mortgage interest rate to as low as two per cent. The

purpose of the subsidy is to keep occupancy charges as low as possible for the low-to-moderate income residents.

"I am pleased with CMHC's social housing program as it benefits the people of the Peigan Nation," said Chief Peter Yellow Horn. "Over the years we have had a continu-

al shortage of adequate housing and this type of program is helping to alleviate that particular situation.

"The Peigan Nation Chief and Council will continue to co-operate and to do everything

within their power and in their administration to make sure that this program remains operational and beneficial to the Peigan People."

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Wildlife Groups Meet In Italy

by Sy Sims

Native people of North America received special representation at the latest conference of the World Wildlife Fund International in Assisi, Italy.

University of Lethbridge professor Phil Lane was invited to the September conference as a spokesman for native people across

North America. Lane is the coordinator of the Four Worlds Development Project.

For the first time, the Wildlife Fund met with representatives from the world's major religious and faith communities. The conference was organized to launch a world-wide conservation campaign.

The Wildlife Fund

those Assisi because of the religious connection to the life of St. Francis of Assisi and the associated emphasis of the intimate kinship of nature and mankind.

Along with Lane, participants included: the Minister General of the Conventual Order of Franciscans representing Christianity; The Abbot of the Gyuto Tantric Monastery in India and personal representative of His Holiness the Dalai Lama; the president of the World Hindu Congress; the vice-president of the World Jewish Congress; and the secretary general of the Muslim World League, from Mecca.

In launching this international campaign

to raise public awareness about the importance of conservation, the Wildlife Fund hoped to draw on the consistency of world religious traditions in protecting nature.

The concluding event of the conference was an inter-faith ceremony in the 800-year-old Basilica of St. Francis. Each of the religious representatives made declarations on respecting and protecting nature.

Prince Philip, president of the World Wildlife Fund International, chaired the event.

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An Olympian Draw

by Peter Racey

Sykes Powderface and Bernard Ominiyak finally met face-to-face but the result appears to have been a draw.

At the meeting, the Chief of the Lubicon Lake Band reiterated his earlier wish that Powderface resign from the Calgary Olympics Native Liaison Coordinator position.

While the meeting with Powderface may not have been productive, Ominiyak said, it was a good opportunity to explain the band's position on a one-to-one basis.

The two men came away from the meeting appreciating each other's position on the issue, but not much more. Ominiyak believes that Powderface has compromised any influence he may have had on the Olympics board by merely accepting the Native Liaison Coordinator position.

The Lubicon Lake Band called for a boycott of the Calgary Olympics earlier this year to protest the lack of progress on their 43-year-old land claim. In Ominiyak's initial letter to Powderface, he charged that the native liaison position was "specifically designed and created to help defuse the Lubicon boycott by creating the impression of Indian involvement in the planning and conduct of the Olympics".

He said that Indian participation in the Olympics will likely be kept to "subsidizing the production of handicrafts, and the hiring of Indians to perform traditional dances at selected Olympic ceremonies".

Ominiyak is not aware of all the economic plans that the Olympic committee is developing for Native communities, Powderface said. "I say give us a chance to get these ideas off the ground first."

Powderface and Ominiyak have no further meetings scheduled.

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Amoco, Metis Seal Agreement

by Sy Sims

A number of Metis leaders in the small hamlet of Elizabeth Settlement, situated in northeastern Alberta, recently signed an agreement with Amoco

Canada Petroleum Ltd. that will guarantee them a voice in the future development of heavy oil projects in their community.

Settlement band members say the deal is just a first step towards

the realization of Metis self-government. Shortly after the signing, Metis leaders, oil company executives, government officials and reporters gathered for a traditional Metis banquet.

The master agreement, which includes the resurrection of a delayed heavy oil project, assures the Elizabeth Settlement's 500 residents a strong say on issues such as hiring practices, as well as social and environmental concerns.

Because of a steep decline in world oil prices over the past five years, Amoco Canada was forced to halt the settlement project earlier this year after some 40 evaluation wells were drilled at a capital cost of \$14 million.

Don Stacy, president of Amoco Canada, said the project is likely to start up again by July 1987. The project located about 60 km south of Cold Lake, will see 16 more wells drilled at a cost of about \$8 million. It is just one of about 50 experimental and production-oriented heavy oil sites in the prairie provinces.

Stacy indicated the agreement with the Metis is part of his company's 50 per cent expansion drive over the 1985 budget. He also noted the expansion was made possible when the federal government finally dropped its much-hated petroleum and gas tax revenue (PGRT) levy 2 months ago.

The agreement includes a \$195,000 payment by Amoco to compensate for the disruption created by wellsites and new roads. \$50,000 of the financial package will buy the land, and \$25,000 will be put towards the establishment of a regional development impact office. Amoco has agreed to pay \$25,000 annually to keep the

office in operation as long as the firm remains in the area.

Archie Collins, chairman of the five-man settlement council, emphasized that his people "come first".

The contract does not allow the Metis to receive any direct production revenues. That's because subsurface rights on Metis land are owned by the provincial government.

The project is certainly a welcome relief for Elizabeth Settlement members. Over the past couple of years in the area, unemployment has soared as high as 75 per cent. And of those few who are gainfully employed, most of them must travel up to Cold Lake, site of one of the largest experimental heavy oil projects in the world.

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Radical Plan Receives Poor Reception

by Sy Sims

The federal government said it will make a decision by May 15, 1987, as to whether to accept any or all of a controversial study calling for a complete

revamping of Canada's \$12 billion-a-year unemployment insurance program.

While admitting that the unemployment insurance system is badly flawed and needs a lot of new policy

changes, Employment Minister Benoit Boucharde said he will listen to public debate before deciding if the radical recommendations contained in the Forget Report is worth implementing.

Should the recommendations be accepted, it would fundamentally change the way of life in Atlantic Canada, and in a number of other areas across the country where people depend on unemployment insurance cheques to cushion the impact of depressed economies or a seasonal workforce.

Two of the six commissioners on the Forget panel, however, have taken an entirely different approach to the matter, claiming the program in place is structurally adequate, though underfunded.

Among the many recommendations made in the report, the main thrust of the newly-proposed system would end special treatment for unemployed workers in areas of high unemployment. It would also dramatically cut the payments given to anyone who has worked less than a full year. And the report would also stop payments to

unemployed fishermen altogether within five years.

The report would cut approximately \$3 billion in unemployment insurance payments. Those funds would then be paid out in some form of an "income supplementation program" for the poor, to locally run economic development programs in depressed regions.

The current system favors poorer regions of the country, directs far too much in payments to high-income families, makes it too easy for industry to lay off labourers, and too tempting for employees to walk off the job after the minimum 10-14 week qualifying period, said commission chairman Claude Forget.

In a statement issued with the report, Forget said that it's "no longer perceived as a form of insurance to replace a portion of earnings during temporary job loss. It's seen as welfare."

Forget's proposals to cut payments to sea-

sonal workers, and others with only short-term employment records, would hit Eastern Canada particularly hard. But there's no doubt insurance payments would drop in all provinces.

Opposition critics, who have been condemning the preliminary report for several months, charged that

the recommendations would devastate the lives of construction workers, fishermen, and thousands of others who work in resource industries or seasonal employment. Liberal employment critic Warren Allmand called the report a "vague pie-in-the-sky guaranteed income program".



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Development Body Still In Question

by Peter Racey

The debate was vigorous at a recent meeting in Fort Norman concerning the formation of a regional economic development corporation for the Sahtu area, but no decision was made.

George Barnaby, chairman of the conference, spoke out against the proposal to create an economic development board for the region. "In Fort Good Hope we are careful about setting up bodies that are not

needed,"

Barnaby

said. "We dealt with a lot of advisory groups during Norman Wells. We were afraid these groups would start making decisions we wouldn't agree with. We still feel that way," Barnaby said.

"We have a community corporation and a territorial corporation. I don't see a role," he said.

Also offering opposition to the idea of a regional economic board was Rick Hardy, Fort Norman Metis

local representative and legal counsel for the Metis Development Corporation.

Hardy suggested there was an overabundance of community and territorial development corporations in the area, and that an economic development body was therefore not needed as an investment device.

The economic slowdown in the Northwest Territories also leaves no room for another corporate board, Hardy said.

Hardy indicated that more discussion should be directed towards the creation of a board that would handle the money, land, and royalties stemming from a land claims settlement. An economic develop-

ment board could conflict with a land claims settlement, he said.

However, Denendeh Development Corporation chairman James Wah-Shee supported the formation of a regional economic board. It is needed as a coordinating body, he said.

Wah-Shee pointed out at the conference that regional corporations are in a better position to deal with communities on development possibilities; and that a regional corporation would also act as an information base and coordinate training programs.

The corporation could handle larger contracts community companies would shy away from; the risk factor in investing is less, he said.

Also in favor of the regional economic development corporation was Frank Pope, general manager of resource development for the Shihta Regional Council.

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The Conference Board of Canada released a survey in mid-November showing that inflationary expectations are at their highest level in four years. The results of the survey indicate a possible end to the current cycle of moderating inflation.

The warning, published prior to the latest Statistics Canada inflation figures, was contained in the Conference Board's report on its quarterly survey of consumer confidence conducted in September.

The inflation rate

last month slipped to 4.1 percent from 4.3 percent in October, but there have been indications the rate is beginning to rise from the 13-year low of 3.7 percent set in June.

"On the issue of inflation expectations, some notable results were recorded in the latest survey," the board said. "Specifically, 31.6 percent of respondents, a rise of more than five percentage points from the second quarter, expected inflation to accelerate in the coming months."

The rise in inflationary expectations is centred in Ontario where the economy is booming and the demand for goods and services by consumers

is increasing, according to Gilles Rheume, the board's director of forecasting.

Bank of Canada governor Gerald Bouey has shown some concern about these inflationary expectations. Such increases can give rise to an inflationary

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Chalifoux, John R. Giroux, Fred Okimaw, Gabe Isadore, Clifford Freeman, Roger Okimaw, Joe L. Laboucan.

Five of the elected were incumbents.

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The Criminal Code of Canada states you are impaired if your blood alcohol content exceeds

.08%. If you drive a motor vehicle, or have the care or control of a motor vehicle, whether it is in motion or not, and the proportion of your blood exceeds 80 milligrams of alcohol in 100 millilitres of blood, you are guilty of an indictable offence or an offence punishable on summary conviction.

The crime of impaired driving carries with it a six month license suspension, a fine ranging from \$50 - \$2,000, and a possible six month jail sentence — and that's for the first offence. Subsequent convictions result in even stiffer penalties.

To get your suspended license back, you are required to attend a mandatory course, sponsored by the Alberta Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Commission.

The course emphasizes the seriousness of the conviction and attempts to address any problems which have resulted in the abuse of alcohol.

And that's not all. After an impaired driving conviction, your insurance rates will increase, regardless of the insurance company you deal with.

Now that you know the facts, any myths you hear about impaired driving may be dismissed as nonsense. Drinking coffee will not reduce impairment. Coffee is a stimulant that makes you feel awake, but does not reduce your blood alcohol content.

Drinking beer instead of other alcoholic beverages will not help either. Twelve ounces of regular beer contains the same amount of alcohol as 5 ounces of table wine or 1.5 ounces of spirits.

Impaired driving is a needless cause of death, injury, property and vehicle damage. If you drink, don't drive. Take a taxi or a bus. If you travel to a party with friends, make an agreement with the driver to abstain from drinking. If a friend has had too much to drink, hide their keys and remind them about the facts on impaired driving.

Be positive, say "NO" to impaired driving — it could mean the difference between life and death.

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Thus, on May 5, 1862 Lacombe set out with a train of some 30 Red River Carts, the first such brigade to make the 900-mile journey across the prairies.

The carts they used had been the mainstay of Metis transportation for buffalo hunts and

freighting. Pulled by a single oxen or Indian pony, each cart could carry from 900 to 1,200 pounds. Because they were made entirely of wood, repairs along the way were easily accomplished.

The brigade which left St. Albert had no track to follow eastward. They wended their way over the rolling hills, across the flat prairie and through the streams and rivers which crossed their path. The group reached their destination some six to eight weeks later. Lacombe took another few weeks there to buy his supplies and meet with his superior, Bishop Tache, before pointing the carts westward. The homeward trek was somewhat easier since a large contingent of gold-seekers had departed St. Boniface for Fort Edmonton, leaving in their wake a recognizable trail and few makeshift bridges. It is not hard to

imagine the excitement generated at the little Mission when, on August 26, the 30 or so carts crossed the bridge and made their way up the north hill. Among the many bags, barrels, bales and bundles would certainly be tea and salt, perhaps a little precious sugar, new seed for crops, coal oil, tools and utensils, church furnishings and books.

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Native Heritage Put To Music

by Hy Chaparral

New and vibrant songs about British Columbia's coastal Indians will be sung throughout schools in the Vancouver area this Fall.

Troubador David Campbell has written 12 songs with westcoast aboriginal themes, and as a part of Vancouver's Centennial, he will perform these compositions in lower mainland schools.

Campbell was commissioned by the Vancouver School Board and the Spirit Theatre Company to create the songs. Also, an accompanying book with

background material was produced as part of the project. The songs are included on an album entitled, *People of the Salmon*.

Campbell says, "It came to me that with the ocean and the mountains meeting, one thing they all have in common is the salmon. It's more than just something you put on the table to eat. There's a whole spiritual side to food for aboriginal people, a thanksgiving to creatures and things that give themselves to be eaten."

Campbell's style has its beginnings in his South American roots. As he grew up he was

exposed to the melodic and rhythmic music of both Latin America and the Caribbean. "Those influences are there, though I don't bring them up consciously — in fact, my approach has been never to be consciously influenced by anything."

His gentle, melodic music encompasses the entire spectrum of the indigenous American experience, from South to North America. He was born and raised in

Guyana. His father was an Arawak Indian and his mother was Guyana Portuguese. Campbell arrived in Vancouver via Britain, Europe, and eastern Canada.

Feedback received to date has been positive, and Campbell feels "there's a good chance I may be taking my presentation to other schools in B.C. I have the impression this project could be more far reaching than originally planned."



Opportunities For Native Artists

by Peter Racey

North America's first Indian symphony conductor has opened the door for other natives to pursue artistic endeavors.

John Kim Bell, A Mohawk Indian from Quebec, and the only native conductor on the continent, has been instrumental in forming the Canadian Native Arts Foundation.

The foundation was formed to provide natives with the freedoms necessary to exercise various artistic talents, according to Bell, a distinguished apprentice conductor with the Toronto Symphony Orchestra.

Bell established the foundation in 1985 in Brantford, Ontario, after lobbying several federal ministries for funding. The Department of Indian and Northern Affairs contributed \$25,000; the

Department of Communication gave \$40,000; the Secretary of State chipped in \$30,000; and the Ministry of State for Multiculturalism donated \$10,000. Provincial and other contributions totalled \$51,635.

"I thank them for their support, but I hope the Ministry of Indian Affairs will take greater initiative in the future," Bell said.

Bell also sought corporate sponsorship for the foundation, but private corporations would not commit funds until federal ministries made a commitment.

Along with the initial government funding, Bell is staging a series of benefit concerts across Canada in efforts to further raise money for the foundation. The first of the series, held last Spring, featured Glen Campbell with the Toronto Symphony Orchestra. Bell conducted.

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Writers Guild: A Reality For Coming Artists

by Alan Shapiro

A prominent author, Irvin S. Cobb, once declared that if writers

were good businessmen, they'd have too much sense to be in writing. Burgeoning scribes have been

advised that writers interested in getting rich should produce the kind of material read by people who move their lips when they're reading to themselves.

The formula is common, but the fact remains that only a handful of writers in Canada make a good living without holding down another job, and the situation among free lance writers is even more dubious.

Several years ago, a small group intent on improving the lot of writers in the province formed the Writers' Guild of Alberta, and today more than 250 members benefit from the guild's strength and resources in encouraging the talents of young writers.

"Our basic goal is to develop young people under 35 who are interested in serious writing," said Mary Riskin, executive assistant to the WGA. "Before 1980, the needs of many writers

weren't being served effectively. But now the WGA can help free lancers, novelists — just about any kind of writer — and membership is open to all who live or have lived in the province."

Due in part to provincial government funding and membership fees, the guild recently opened a central office in the heart of Edmonton to facilitate their programs. Foremost among the WGA's directives is to establish a newsletter printed on a regular

basis, probably once every two months.

"We used to have our executive located all over the province when the newsletter was published in Calgary, but that created problems because we sometimes found incorrect information in it, and the material was too diverse," noted Riskin. "Now the newsletter is dependable, interesting and gives valuable suggestions, as well as reactions, and as it continues to develop, the direction will be easier

to see." Riskin will most likely have a feature article on a different genre each issue.

Members who have finished a work, be it fiction or non-fiction, can use the guild's Manuscript Reading Service for a professional evaluation. An experienced writer highly qualified to assess your piece will consider facets such as style, coherence, publishability and other questions the author may have.

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Bell's career as an apprentice conductor with the Toronto Symphony Orchestra has given him the chance to work with companies such as the New York Philharmonic, the Chattanooga Symphony, the Dance Theatre of Harlem, and the Eglevsky Ballet.

"Upon my appointment as apprentice conductor to the Toronto Symphony, I realized that I was the

first Indian in North America to pursue a career as a conductor," Bell said. "I want to give others the opportunities and exposure in the arts that have truly enriched my life."



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Booklet Promotes Non-Violence

by Dave Moser

EDMONTON — Two Provincial Ministers, Connie Osterman, Minister of Social Services and Dennis Anderson, Minister Responsible for Women's Issues, have announced the release of a new publication

entitled "Wife Abuse: What is it? What to do about it?" The booklet informs women of their rights and options when violence erupts in the home.

Anderson said, "It is important that women and the public are aware of the serious nature of the problem and that safety and emergency care are available to women in need."

The booklet, and the accompanying poster, were produced jointly by the Office for the Prevention of Family Violence and the Alberta Women's Secretariat.

The Alberta

Women's Secretariat is a central coordinating structure of the Government of Alberta which identifies policies, programs and legislation which impact on women and promotes awareness of issues of concern to women.

The Office for the Prevention of Family Violence, a branch of Alberta Social Services, aims to reduce the incidence of family violence by providing information to both Government and the public and encouraging the development of services necessary to pre-

vent violence in families, alleviate its effect and protect victims.

Osterman said, "The cooperation between the Department of Social Services and the Women's Secretariat in producing this public education material reflects the commitment of the Government to promote family violence prevention."

It is generally accepted that all individuals have a right to live in a non-violent environment, and to know where to go and what to do if they are living

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The wife abuse booklet and poster will be widely available throughout the Province at community service agencies, police stations, doctor's offices, local supermarkets, hospitals and many government offices.

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Writers Guild — continued

gram held for the first time last year, offers writers an opportunity to meet other aspirants and established writers, and to work in the hazy seclusion of a rustic retreat. One of the summer retreats will have a live-in editor to evaluate writers both new and experienced.

Special interest groups within the guild — those whose writing preferences reside in a specific area such as playwriting, poetry and scriptwriting, meet in a co-operative form to exchange ideas, styles and just about anything else of value to writers.

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Said Riskin "It's pretty tough out there for writers, but that doesn't seem to be discouraging them. The important thing is to produce the best work you can."

Works of poetry are probably hardest hit by the recession in terms of saleability, but Riskin noted that the publishing industry is reasonably healthy in the province, and even growing in some areas.

Whether publishable or not, WGA members can and often do enter competitions that cite meritable works in genres ranging from short fiction to drama, from poetry to children's literature. The WGA also has its own Awards Program for published provincial writers.

Writers work essentially in isolation — how else does a serious writer work — which is why they so much appreciate the WGA's representation as an active force for the common good, indeed betterment of the writing community artistically, financially and socially.

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Minister's Christmas Message - Alberta Native News

As 1986 draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to talk briefly about the "new" Municipal Affairs department. I believe the new responsibilities we have in Native Affairs are really important.

Our staff will work hard at keeping in touch with Native Albertans. The coming year will focus on the strengthening of self-sufficiency in Native communities. Through the Improvement Districts and in other ways, we will try to help the development of responsible local government activity. This will assist native leaders in voicing the concerns of their communities in a structure similar to other non-Native communities.

The prosperity of Native ventures depends on a stable foundation for business. We will, therefore, continue to work with Native Albertans toward establishing and maintaining strong business foundations. With the involvement of the Native Secretariat staff we will be able to provide Native Albertans with more economic guidance in 1987 than was possible in the past. We feel that the development of Native people as entrepreneurs and business leaders in the community is essential. Therefore we will continue to support the development of Native businesses. This, we believe, will help ensure the overall stability and success of Native communities.

Health and happiness, peace and prosperity — that is what I wish for you in the New Year. May 1987 bring you and your family and friends continued joy as we celebrate the end of an old year and the beginning of a new one

Yours truly

Neil Crawford

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The Honourable Rick Orman, Minister of Career Development and Employment, claims that some 6000 unemployed Albertans will benefit from the Priority Employment Program (P.E.P.).

"Despite recently announced government cutbacks," Orman claims "job

creation is still the first priority." To demonstrate this commitment, he allocated an additional \$10 million to P.E.P., bringing the total to \$22 million. Once again, the government has shown its ability to spend freely in response to Albertans on Unemployment Insurance rolls.

This policy further reiterates the government policy of spend now, spend later.

P.E.P., initially announced on September 4, had an application deadline of September 30, 1986. In

light of the never ending demand for new funds, outstanding requests for positions are now being processed as quickly as possible, and should be completed within the next few weeks.

LETTER

Dear Editor,

It has been sometime since someone has written an article of true personal experience that has affected one's way of life. This short story I hope will give Courage, Faith, and Trust in God, the Creator, that when we give God our problems He will take care of us.

In September 1985, my son Wade, went bicycling. Wade was gone for approximately 15 minutes. We had planned on going into the city when he returned.

I had gone outside to call Wade, when a neighbour drove up and said "Wade had been hit by a car but, was not seriously hurt."

I drove my car what seemed to be miles to find out what had happened. Wade was being held by a young boy named Dennis; Wade's face was cut and his arm seemed to be hanging. Without thinking, I put Wade into the back seat of the car and drove him to Rockyview Hospital.

The doctor on duty told me that Wade needed surgery, to close a large gash in his arm.

I give Thanks to God, the Creator for sparing my son's life, and that he did not lose his arm.

When we are faced with problems and we trust in God, and let go and let God handle them, wonderful things will happen, but, most of all to base our lives on honesty, purity, unselfishness and love. To be thankful for another day, and that we have our families.

God Bless you all.

Mrs. V.J. Aberdeen
Sarcee Reserve
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The Priority Employment Program operates from November to April 1987. The program creates employment opportunities in municipalities, non-profit organizations, native settlements and last but not least, the provincial government.

Orman claims that the Priority Employment Program does more than create jobs. "We know that people who access the program will gain valuable

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"Hidden Messages of an Indian Christmas"

- Ken Ward

As my walk brought me into the forest.
I was quiet while I would take my rest.
Sitting near a big old fir tree.
I notice footprints in a circular design next to me.
And I wondered with great interest.

As the cool wind bristled by me.
I hear a voice coming from the old fir tree.
"My dear Brother, there is something I must say."
As I turned to see who it was that speaks this way.
I thought to myself, "This must be crazy!"
"I'm hearing voices now! The world has turned away!
Terrorists and bombing!
Sadness and fighting!
To drugs and drinking!
What is there for us today?"

"Dear Brother, I ask that you listen to me.
For there is some faith left in this old world.
You cannot see it but you certainly can hear it.
For I have a little story that I wish to share with you."

(Through the cracks and knot holes.
I see a face of the old fir tree.)
And I replied with some fear.
"For I am alone sitting here.
But I am curious as to what you will say to me."

It speaks . . .

"There were five little children huddled by the tree.
Five little children talked of "What Christmas means to me."
"I was that old fir tree," as he continues speaking.
"They just kept on dreaming."
(For I listened quite intently.)

"The oldest who was fifteen.
Bragged of getting his own stereo . . .
The second who was thirteen.
She insisted that she will have her own make-up studio . . .
Nine year-old Barry had his dream.
Of getting his three-wheeled all terrain machine . . .
Seven year-old Mary talked of a commercial she had seen.
It was a Betsy doll computerized sewing machine.
Five year-old Timmy.
Knew what he wanted . . . it was easy.
He was silent and . . . he paused . . .
As he turned to them.
He held his sister's hand."
A small little voice whispers . . .
"Just being close to my family . . ."
They hugged him and all went home —
. . . happily.

"So my brother, even us old fir trees.
And even you too!
Will always find your faith and hope —
that's near next to you!"
For I too . . . went home quite . . .

. . . happily!"

Merry Christmas to all my Brothers and Sisters in our Native Land.
May the Great Spirit watch over all of us.

Dear Native News:

Since Christmas is near I wanted this message for me to share with you and your families. It has been my great pleasure to write for you and I look forward to continuing in the new year. May you have the best in the new year as well.

"Merry Christmas Native News!"

- Ken Ward
Enoch Band.

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Whether you know it or not, somebody wants to be just like you. Somebody wants to walk, talk and look at life the way you do.

Think about it.

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Poinsetta

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Place the plant in a room where there is enough natural light to read fine print. If possible, put it high enough to be away from household traffic, and out of reach of children and animals.

Set the plant in or on a water-proof container to protect your furnishings. Don't forget to water the plant thoroughly when the soil surface is dry to the touch. Also, remember to discard excess water from the saucer.

To prolong the bright color of the bracts, temperatures should not exceed 21 degrees C during the day or 16 degrees C at night.

Getting Your Poinsettia To Bloom Again

Poinsettias are often difficult to bring into bloom again, but, for those of you who wish to try it, follow this program STRICTLY. When the flower bracts are finishing, cut the plant down to 3-5 cm from the base. Then let the soil almost, but never completely dry out.

Once growth ceases and the plant becomes dormant, keep it at normal room temperature and in bright filtered light. Leave the plant in its original pot and maintain the same watering program.

In mid-April, saturate the soil with water; the plant should begin to grow again. Once it shows new growth, shake all the old soil off of the roots, clean the pot thoroughly, and replant the poinsettia in fresh soil in the same pot. *Do not* use a larger pot. Now that the poinsettia has been replanted, keep it moist and in a brightly lit area. Fertilize once a month until mid-September.

The following procedure *must* be strictly adhered to for your plant to bloom again. The poinsettia must be kept in the dark for a minimum of 14 hours a day for at least two months. Late September is the best time to put the plant out again if you want bracts during the



Christmas season. If you follow this program, your plant will be much taller than commercially produced poinsettias, and the colour intensity and size of the bracts will be less.

Keeping your poinsettia alive till next Christmas is not an easy procedure. Unless you are prepared to adhere to the schedule, we suggest that you purchase a new plant each season. Besides, researchers are constantly developing new and better varieties, new colours, and larger flowers which will perform better for you in your house. So, there really are advantages to purchasing new plants each Christmas!

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Movie "Quite The Motion Picture" But Possibly Inaccurate

LOYALTIES ANALYSIS

by Everett Lambert

Thank you Tantoo, thank you Tom, and thank you Vera! You all made me proud, sit-

ting in that premier, proud to be a Native person.

It definitely is quite the motion picture. For once, maybe because it is an Alberta production, I pondered somewhat more deeply about what goes into the effecting of a movie. I can appreciate a little more deeply all the hard work that goes into allowing a

movie-goer to sit and watch the end product.

Sitting there, I sensed the command this picture had over the largely white crowd. I have to say, fellow Native people, I was hoping to see a whole lot more of you there. These people sat up and took a close look at *Loyalties*. They sat up and looked at what it might be like for the life of a Native person. There are of course elements of the show that Native people might not agree with.

But there were definite celebrations of Native people here. The three Natives, with leading roles, performed their roles superbly. This is the best acting I've seen Tantoo do in all the time I've been familiar with her. Although *Our Native Heritage* and *Running Brave* are by far unfair comparisons, this is still the best mark on her report card.

There was, however, one aspect of the story that I was not comfortable with. I am not sure this was an accurate portrayal of Native life. I would not venture to say that there were no elements in the spectacle that have parallels in contemporary

Native life. Alcoholism, human abuse, and poverty all found their places in this production. However, as a Native, Metis specifically, I have come to identify certainties to Native people.

Being a student I naturally identify a certain amount of higher education to my people. I also know several excellent Native athletes. I know lawyers, professors and very respectable business and government positions. I know journalists and I know Indian chiefs.

You know I didn't see one smidgen of this in *Loyalties*.

And so goes my analysis of this work. The quality of acting made me proud of our Native performers. *Loyalties* also had a compelling story line,

and dealt with two mainstays of life definitely worth dealing with: friendship and sexual abuse. However, I do hope that, for our sake, the architects of this work did some serious and accurate research on Native life. In dealing with us, people should have a valid and realistic

impression of us.

But do yourself a favour. Go see *Loyalties*.



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Inuit Find Home Away From Home

by Jim Crow

A rather frosty
Westerly wind blasts
through the mansion's
sweeping balcony
parks, now partly
opened, but inside
there are howls of
laughter from the resi-
dents, sipping on chilly
cups of tea and nibbling
away at some cari-
bou meat treats.

"We like it frozen
and raw for a snack,"
said Margaret Gibbons
from the recreation
room of Ublivik, an
ornate manor that's
been turned into a
medical boarding
house near downtown
Winnipeg.

"Ooh, it's so good,"
chuckled a resident
who hails from a
remote community
known as Eskimo
Point, N.W.T.

Whenever there's a
gathering at Ublivik,
north meets south.
Each and every year,
some 500 Inuit come
from as far as 3,000
km away to the white-
columned mansion
that serves as a tempo-
rary home for north-
erners seeking medical
treatment in Winnipeg.

On average, an Inuit
will stay from two to
six months at Ublivik,
owned and operated by
the Northwest Territo-
ries government. Trans-
lated from the Inuit, its

name roughly means,
"I'm here for a while
for a reason".

Many Inuit have
come from such
remote Canadian out-
backs as Repulse Bay
and Whale Cove. It's
not uncommon for
them to bring along
traditional parkas and
embroidered sealskin
boots — a sharp con-
trast to the fast-paced
modernity of the city,
and all its raucous hub-
bub.

Gloria Penner, who
helped open the home
in 1981, said the Inuit
try and enjoy their stay
as much as possible.
"They want to order
double-cheese pizzas,
see a movie, go play
bingo, head out to get
their ears on a ghetto
blaster, and take in the
good eats at McDon-
alds," she said. "And
some of them have
never been out of the
north before!"

While a fair number
are here for cancer
treatments, surgery or
psychiatry, about 15

per cent are women
whose pregnancies
have been deemed a
high risk.

Despite the pleasing
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atmosphere of the
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nock, and no rules
other than the prohibi-
tion of liquor, most
women would rather
stay up north to have
their children.

However, because of
a distinct lack of good
medical facilities in the
region, especially in
obstetrics, many are
forced to go to
Churchill, Manitoba,
located about 1,000
kilometres north of
Winnipeg.

President of the Keewatin Inuit Association, Peter Ermerik, said his organization is presently lobbying the N.W.T. government and the federal government for a birthing centre in the Keewatin region. The centre would be staffed principally with trained Inuit midwives.



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Farm Women Seek Identity

by Sy Sims

Women on the farm in the 1980s are facing an identity crisis, according to the organizer of a farm women's conference held in Manitoba recently.

"There is a big identity problem," said Linda McNair, director of Manitoba's first provincial farm women's conference held in Portage La Prairie.

Canadian farm women have a difficult time coming up with a

name for themselves, McNair said after 350 women completed two days of meetings on topics ranging from child rearing to grain marketing.

Men in the farm business are called farmers, but a woman who is able to sit behind the wheel of a combine harvester or

help a cow deliver a calf is more than just a rural housewife, McNair said.

"Part of the problem stems from the fact that all farms are different. It's hard to typify the role of a farm woman."

While some women said they had been referred to as farmer-

ettes, others at the conference were adamant in their dislike as being seen as nothing more than the woman behind the farmer.

"Now women are saying, more and more, I am not support; I am a partner," McNair said.

Discussion at the conference indicated

that, although a handful of women farm on their own, most women married and perform varying roles on the farm.

Some women do play a traditional role on the farm, such as looking after the house and children. But, in other cases, some women are right up to their elbows in the running of the business; they run the machinery and care for the livestock.

Many women on the farm are annoyed that

they do not get the recognition they deserve for their contribution to the farm economy.

"Because we don't necessarily draw money for the work we do, it is translated as worthless," McNair said. "It is very difficult to make people treat you seriously."

The conference, the first of its kind in Manitoba, was successful enough that McNair said there will be more meetings in years to come.

Arctic Getting Warmer

by Sy Sims

A warm blanket of soot may be raising temperatures around the North Pole by absorbing newly-arriving sunlight, as

well as light reflected by the icecaps below, American government scientists reported last week.

"One pollution plume we encountered on our flight over the icecap of Barrow, Alaska last March was the equivalent of five or six large power plants putting all their effluents in a single plume," said Dr. Russell Schnell of National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

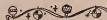
The pollution, according to Schnell, "was about 100 miles wide and 1,000 feet deep, and when we first flew into it, we thought we had flown into the plume of a volcanic eruption! We didn't believe the instruments on the aircraft."

The report was based on a five-country

study of the haze that has been observed over the Arctic region in the past 30-35 years.

This layer of haze has been reported as much as 5,500 metres thick, prompting scientists to express deep concern about its effect of warming the Arctic climate. The scientific community is still uncertain about just how the pollution will affect earth's atmosphere, but they all agree it's a serious issue.

Even though there have been studies that suggest a reduction in the amount of ice pack in the Arctic in recent years, the evidence has not yet been directly linked to this pollution layer.



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Iridology - The "Exes" Have It

by Sy Sims

The benefits of iridology are in the eyes of the beholder, although the medical establishment tends to disregard this holistic method of health care.

Canada has several hundred practicing iridologists who claim to be able to look into the eyes of a patient and detect a wide range of health problems from skin conditions to floating kneecaps.

Iridology is an holistic form of health care based on the condition of the iris. The practice

has been generally discounted by the medical establishment as having not scientific basis.

The print in the coloured part of the eye — the iris — is the governing clue behind a person's strengths and weaknesses, according to Allan Bailey, an iridologist from Winnipeg.

"We're all born with strengths and weaknesses," Bailey said. "Once we can identify them, we can help people to learn more about those kinds of foods and exercises that will help to strengthen those

weaknesses, to reduce the risk of problems arising."

The basis of iridology is that all organs of the body are mapped out in different parts of the iris. Practioners of iridology say that organs, limbs, and even whole body systems are connected to the iris through major and intermediate nerves.

For example, the left iris indicates the condition of organs in the left side of the body and the right side of the brain; the right iris shows the condition of organs in the right side of the body and the left side of the brain.

When the body tissue is healthy, Bailey said, it registers in the iris as white. However, as a part of the body grows weaker, the colour in the eye changes from white to light grey

to dark grey to black — depending on how badly it has deteriorated.

Iridology originated in the late 1800s, and the practice is very common in Holland, France and Germany.

"It's very open there," Bailey said. "Here in North America, it's starting to gain a lot more credibility because it's come out of the woodwork and continued Page 47



Smoking Poll Surprising

by Hy Chaparral

Anti-smokers may be dead set against the habit, but the advertising of cigarettes should be allowed to flourish.

A recent poll conducted by anti-smoking groups indicated that most North Americans questioned do not believe cigarette advertising should be banned, although they do favor restrictions on those who practice the fine art of smoking.

The poll results contradict similar surveys administered by medical associations that showed 64 percent of respondents favoured a ban on the advertising of cigarettes.

The new poll was

conducted for the American Cancer Society, the American Heart Association and the American Lung Association. In it, 62 percent of those questioned said cigarette ads should be permitted in magazines and newspapers.

The results differed from the earlier survey because the medical association prefaced its question by telling respondents that it supported a ban on cigarette advertising, according to a report accompanying the new poll.

However, the new poll gives strong indications of public support for the limiting of cigarette smoking.

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Dinosaur Theory Revised

by Hy Chaparrel

Dinosaurs, those massive beasts that stalked the untamed surface of the earth ages ago, may have actually survived many years longer than scientists originally thought.

New fossil evidence suggests that dinosaurs did not die out suddenly, and that they apparently survived at least a million years after they were generally thought to have become extinct.

Recent discoveries of fossils, especially in China, raise serious questions about current theories holding that the huge creatures perished 65 million years ago in a global catastrophe caused by an asteroid or comet striking the earth. That may have happened, some scientists are now saying, but it is much less certain that it led to the dinosaur extinction.

In China, dinosaur bones, teeth, eggs and footprints were found

embedded in sediments laid down after the hypothesized impact at the end of the cretaceous period of geologic time.

An analysis of the sediments by Robert Sloan, a paleontologist at the University of Minnesota, showed that some dinosaurs existed a million years in to the tertiary period. It was during this period that mammals were beginning to replace reptiles.

The number and diversity of the dinosaur

fossils in the Chinese site generally appeared to diminish toward the end of the cretaceous period and in the next million years.

This apparently reinforces the arguments of many paleontologists that the dinosaurs died out gradually rather than suddenly, according to Sloan.

Several paleontologists recently reported uncovering evidence that some dinosaurs survived for a longer



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by Hy Chaparrel

Through the diligent efforts of probing scientists, man apparently just keeps getting older and older.

Famed anthropologist Richard Leakey has recently unearthed evidence that ages the beginnings of man by a mere five million years or so.

Leakey has discovered two new types of apes that lived long before what was once thought to be the first apeman. Fossils found during the past year in Kenya suggest that man's ancestors were measurably more diverse than previously believed.

The newly-discovered fossils represent a large ape that Leakey named *Afropithecus* and a medium-sized ape that the famed researcher of early man called *Turkanapithecus*.

cus.

These two discoveries have stretched the history of man considerably. It is thought that these creatures existed at least five million years before *Ramapithecus*, the apeman considered by Leakey to be the first human.

Leakey, who works for the National Museums of Kenya, has stated that *Afropithecus* had a long muzzle and a steeply inclined forehead. *Turkanapithecus* was "shortfaced".

Iridology — continued

there are a lot of people doing it."

Baily, a registered pharmacist, does point out that iridology is not the answer to everything. He refers to the people he sees as clients rather than patients; because he is not a doctor, he makes no claim for diagnosing or curing

ing medical ailments.

"But the principles that we teach really help people to minimize their need for drugs and operations."

However, in the eyes of the medical establishment there is no scientific proof to demonstrate the validity of iridology.

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by Jim Crow

A fee dispute between Alberta doctors and the provincial government is forcing many women to seek abortions outside the province.

Doctors in the province who refuse to perform abortions because of this dispute with the government are acting irresponsibly, according to Dr. Henry Morgentaler.

In Calgary recently to tape a program for CBC television, Can-

ada's most noted abortionist said that the Alberta Medical Association and the provincial government should come to an agreement so that women would not be forced into leaving Alberta for an abortion.

"There should be a compromise where the doctors should be getting a higher fee," Morgentaler said.

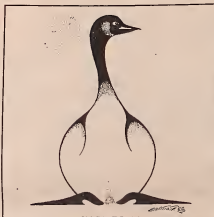
Presently, Alberta doctors are paid a fee of \$84.50 to perform abortions. The province has shown no

sign of increasing this fee. As a result, doctors not satisfied with the fee have begun charging patients extra for administrative work.

The provincial government threatened disciplinary action against these doctors,

but many physicians opted to quite performing abortions altogether.

Morgentaler referred to the fact that many Alberta women seeking abortions may have to venture outside the province as a "scandalous" situation.



Dinosaurs — continued

time in India, Peru, New Mexico and the Pyrenees.

In May, Sloan and a team of geologists and paleontologists discovered that, on the basis of fossils from Alberta, Montana and Wyoming, dinosaur extinction was a gradual process beginning seven million years before the end of the cretaceous age. The team unearthed at least seven species of dinosaurs.

"An asteroid clearly hit," Sloan said, "and it was a factor, although a minor one, in the extinctions."

Other factors per-

haps more decisive were a sharp temperature drop and a lowering of sea levels at the end of the cretaceous period. These factors could cause a major change in plant life, increase competition for the smaller animals, and gradually lower the number and diversity of the dinosaurs.



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And, congealed sucrated alkaloids are just a modern way of referring to chocolates.

These are only two examples of terms that humorist Edward Tenner has really been useful to people in getting things done or in keeping things from

getting done."

In Tenner's book, a chalkboard with a piece of chalk and an eraser is referred to as "a neuromuscular-driven text and graphics system which utilizes a

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face."

In this high-tech language, something as basic as an alarm clock becomes a "terrestrial rotation emulator with continued Page 50

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PREPARATION
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Add the sugar.
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Bovine
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PREPARATION
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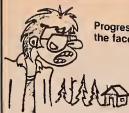
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It is important that the child should have the proper toys and materials in order to develop his physical, manipulative, creative and imaginative powers.

A mother who bears this in mind can do a great deal towards ensuring maximum all-round development for her child.

In addition, when providing such materials, the parent must consider the child's age, what he is interested in, and what he is able to do at this age.

In this article, our aim is to give parents of children of pre-school age some guidance in what they can do to make their child's life full and happy.

If we have at last given you some answers to the age-old question "What can I do now, Mommy?", then our objective is fulfilled.

Two To Three-Year Olds

The two-year-old likes large bodily movements, and, therefore, likes best toys that continued Page 54

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by Donna Benn

"I need to see your eyes," Pauline Ominayak softly told her small students as they settled on the carpet in front of her. When they looked her way she said, "You have nice eyes," and the Cree class began.

Ominayak lead the class, almost in a chant, calling out the Cree words as she turned the colourful flashcards with pictures of a school bus, helicopters, and vehicles. The children readily spoke out the words but the new word that day was *pe-wa-pis-ko-to-pa-nask* and she patiently coached them in enunciation until they were familiar with the word for the steel vehicle, or train.

The session moved quickly and smoothly until each child could repeat the word. The children joined in a discussion and then Ominayak, in a clear, strong voice, led them in a small song in Cree. She told them that Indians do not like to say goodbye, they like to see people again and the song was about *e-ko-sima-ka*, there is still more

ed out and the children moved over to a table to colour the trains.

The total lesson was a short 20 minutes and as each child left the room they would repeat to Rita Hogan, a teacher's aid, the new word they learned. One small boy sang the song as he went out the door.

Pauline Ominayak was raised on the Sucker Creek reserve west of Slave Lake, Alberta. She left school after Grade 11, married Joseph Ominayak and they had five children. She was always interested in education and after her youngest child was in kindergarten she decided to become a teacher's aid.

When a teacher's aid position opened at their reserve school she phoned Joseph, who was in an Edmonton hospital at that time, and then applied for the job. She was hired and it was the beginning of her career in education.

During the summers she took teacher's aid courses and the temporary job taken on while her husband was ill became more and more permanent.

In 1977 Ominayak, with Joseph's support, became one of the first students from Lesser Slave Lake area to enter the Morning Star native teacher training program at Blue Quills Native Education Centre at St. Paul. The family moved to St. Paul and Ominayak started her training.

by Everett Lambert

I am writing about the Haidas of the Queen Charlotte Islands. But first I

want to talk about someone else for a bit.

I used to think it was wrong to express myself if I became emotionally upset when I heard that Native people were being mistreated. I don't anymore.

I can remember once, listening to Emma Larocque give a lecture on Natives and their early encounters with Catholic missionaries. (Emma's a Metis Professor, originally from just outside Lac La Biche, who teaches at the University of Manitoba.) She began her lecture by telling the crowd about a book she had read on her train ride from Winnipeg to Edmon-

ton that night. She told us how the book painted the dim picture of the impoverished and socially deprived lives we Native people live.

She admitted that many of the statistics in the book were accurate. Then she told us about the part that annoyed her. She said the book suggested that natives shouldn't be paid any attention to when they become upset and express emotional disapproval. After all, the book said, it's just the senseless expression of an enraged people who cannot be held responsible for what they say due to the absence of mind anger causes.

There were many times during those years of courses that she wanted to quit but the thought of being a teacher kept her at the studies. She claims "I couldn't have done it without my family's support and help."

There are approximately 60 Native teachers in Alberta and of these about 20 teach Cree. Ominayak teaches Cree for the special education, readiness, grades 1 and 2 at the C.J. Schurter Elementary School in Slave Lake. The school has approximately 400 students. Both French and Cree are offered with about 56 students taking the Cree course.

Ominayak also teaches Cree at night courses for Further Education and the Friendship Center.

Through the Sucker Creek Council and Education Committee she will teach Cree to adults and children at the reserve. Although her generation has not totally lost the Cree language the Council wants the language and Native culture to survive. They have 50 people enrolled in the classes and the response has been overwhelming.

Proud of

Then she said something that sparked pride for Natives here. After she told the crowd how the early missionaries mistreated the Indians she said it made her mad; and she didn't care who was watching. Now, Emma has a degree in theology. She said we shouldn't feel at all bad about getting mad. It's "healthy" that Natives get mad and express it. And that's what I hope



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Maria Laboucan-Massimo

Ominayak uses many visual aids in her school lessons. Only lately have there been any teaching aids available but when she started she was afraid to teach because there was no Cree textbooks. There is no written language but only oral tradition Cree although there are syllabics that a few of the older Native people understand. Now more and more resource materials are available and she adapts some of these for her lessons.

The lessons are popular for parents of her students approached her and asked that she write more Cree on the lesson sheets so that they could help their children at home with review work.

In class, she reminded her students to "speak Cree" and "in my class I do not let anybody laugh in Cree at another person". In the hall, a small boy excitedly ran up to her, asking for the Cree word for Dad. She replied and he asked for another, and another, but then burst out that he wanted a book, "a book with ALL the words".

As Ominayak teaches she learns new rules. She did not study the Cree language but she knows and speaks most Cree words. Her husband helps her often with unknown words and she gets information from her mother and others who know the language. She uses her own methods to teach but she says she is "getting a lot of help from other people" with the language and customs.

by Donna Benn

Maria Laboucan-Massimo at six years old, was learning to speak Cree in Mrs. Ominayak's grade one class in the C.J. Schurter Elementary School in Slave Lake.

Maria's reason for learning the language was to better understand her grandparents, Edward and Josephine Laboucan of the Peace River area, who speak only Cree. Each summer Maria and her four year old sister stay with their grandparents.

Maria's grandparents are very traditional Cree. Her grandmother tans hides by hand, makes moccasins, jackets and other items of clothing and does moose hair tufting and quill work, a craft that only a few native women in the area are still doing.

Maria's father, Billy Joe Laboucan, is a university student who is studying Indian language, linguistics, culture and structure of Cree at the University of Regina.

Her mother, Linda Massimo, teaches adults who are finishing high school courses at the Community Center at Slave Lake. She asked that Cree be taught in the Slave Lake schools and was involved in starting that program. She would have liked Maria to have gone to the Cree class knowing more about her language and culture.



Pauline Ominayak teaching Cree to Maria Laboucan-Massimo

Maria, an active student and as her mother claims, "a bit of a ham" is very proud of her grandfather speaking Cree.

Haidas

Natives do if they don't like what's happening to the Haidas.

If you get mad when you hear about how a logging company is trying to cut down the big beautiful trees on the Haida's Island, that's good. And don't be scared to tell someone, "I'm mad and I don't like it!"

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Play — continued

involve the use of his entire body: pushing and pulling toys, such as wheelbarrows, prams, carts, hobby-horses, simple wooden trains and cars.

For construction and to be used in conjunction with these, a few large wooden blocks are useful.

As a child at this level cannot concentrate for long he needs a variety of simple, colourful toys. All fitting toys are suitable, for example nesting cups, boxes, barrels, pyramids, peg-boards, simple puzzle insets, hammer-pegs,

large beads for threading and simple screw toys.

Like a magpie, he loves to collect bits and pieces and a variety of other people's belongings. Sticks, stones, leaves and sand are an integral part of his play.

In addition, mother can provide this, cartons and every kind of box that opens and shuts. He will enjoy a cuddly toy, and a simple doll, preferably washable.

Sand is essential, so are spades, buckets, scoops and moulds. Every child should have the opportunity for some sort of water-play, such as bubble-blowing, washing, or just scooping and pouring water.

At this stage, the child's creative abilities are very limited but he does enjoy painting and the feel of finger-paint and clay.

Books should be of a durable material, preferably cloth.

The two to three-year-old child likes simple pictures depicting familiar things: domestic animals, toys and other children.

At this stage of his development, the child is so engrossed in exploring his own world that he is not very interested in other children or playing with them.

He is extremely possessive and is quite unable to share — in fact, it should not be expected of him.

Four to Five-Year-Olds

A child in this age group is very active and needs equipment that will develop his co-ordination, imagination and self-reliance. This means that he needs a variety of equipment especially for use out of doors (some of these things can be made economically at home), such as tricycles, wheel-barrows, wagons, carts large enough to ride in and tires.

Trees for climbing are made more interesting by the erection of a platform with a railing, a knotted rope for climbing and a rope with a ring.

A four to five-year-old likes to do more than "mess" with sand and water. In addition to the usual collection of scoops, funnels, sieves, etc., he will really enjoy experimenting with a small scale for measuring.

Games of skill such as quoits, target games, bats, balls, racquets, hoops, skipping ropes can be given to children of five and over.

Fitting and threading toys, form-boards, posting-boxes, jig-saws with large pieces, mosaics, picture and colour dominoes are all materials exercising the mind in the use of shape, size, colour and texture.

Any constructional toys such as and Tinkertoy, Makimore, large and small building blocks and Tappit boards are popular with children of this age group. They also enjoy toys that "do things", such as trains that fit together, cranes, dinkies, etc.

The four to five-year-old has an intensely vivid imagination, and materials catering for this interest will afford really satisfying play. Some sort of dolls' corner — made with small light screens — or a Wendy House with the usual accessories of doll's bed, pram, table and stools, pots and pans, is recommended.

Dressing-up clothes can also be kept in this corner.

Creative materials should always be available for these busy little people — paints, clay, scissors and glue, crayons, chalks, and, for the five-year-old particularly, a large collection of waste materials which can be used alone or with other toys.

A book-shelf should include books with the well-known stories and rhymes.

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How much can I afford? What do I

need in a house? Where do I want to live?

Keep a written record of your answers. It may take a little time, but once the

task is completed, you and your real estate representative should be able to find the right house, in the right area at the right price.

Determining how much you can afford is relatively straightforward, yet it's the most important factor in the homebuying decision.

Most people have to borrow money in the form of a mortgage to buy a home. All mortgage lenders, including banks, trust companies, and credit unions, use specific guidelines to decide how much money you can afford to borrow. Your salary, outstanding loans and credit rating are all taken into account.

The rule-of-thumb is that your monthly housing costs, including mortgage payments, taxes and heating, should not exceed 30% of your gross family monthly income. If you're unsure about how much you can afford, talk to a reputable real estate sales representative or the loans manager at your bank.

If you already own a house, the equity you've built up over the years is included when determining how much you can afford for a new home. Most good real estate representatives will provide you with an accurate estimate of the current market value of your home free of charge.

What Do You Need?

Deciding on what you need in a home starts with reviewing what you like and don't like about your present accommodations.

Is your current home too small? Does it cost too much to repair or renovate? Is the kitchen too cramped?

You'd like a new home. Try to strike the realistic balance between what you want (which might be too expensive) and what you really need, both now and in the future. Be specific and make a list. How many bedrooms do you need? Is a large lot important? Do you want a garage? For one or two cars? Is a fireplace a priority?

Ask yourself if some of the features you want are necessary immediately, or can they wait. If you don't really need a finished recreation room right away, for instance, you can probably save some money on the price of the new home.

Location

Once you've determined the features of the home you want and the price you can pay, the next step is to decide where you want to live.

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Compare several residential developments in a defined area, and you'll most likely find similar structural and plan details. Why then do only one or two new homes make an impact on you, while the rest

leave you flat. All things being equal, the answer lies in emotional appeal; the excitement that's generated the moment you enter a room.

Shoppers must be analytical. What exactly is it about a room that most impresses you? Is it the softness of the colour? The warmth of the wood? The fancy print florals? Or could it be the uniqueness of the window coverings? If you know precisely what aspect or combination creates such a feeling, you can more easily judge whether or not you can re-create the look in your own home.

Once you have decided on renovating your present home, or purchasing a new one, you should first set out a plan of action. Begin with a list of things that must be purchased, a budget figure, and of course, a timetable.

As you browse around for household items and accessories, you're bound to notice a wide range of prices. Why such discrepancies in the prices?

Because of the quality of the fabric, the quality of workmanship and the manufacturer's warranty. You're obviously going to pay more for better merchandise.

There are no hard and fast rules for decorating. But you must feel at ease with your surroundings. Whether you're looking for a traditional, contemporary, or eclectic style, your home should reflect both your personality and your lifestyle.

When comparing

products, keep a small notebook on hand to record prices, delivery dates, warranties and so on. It's most important that you bring home any samples you might pick up so that you can see its colour and texture in your home. How often have you heard someone say, "It looked so perfect in the showroom, but when I got home..."

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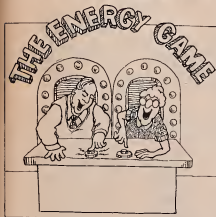
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How often have you heard someone say: "The bank charges the interest up front on my loan." And while it may seem that way, there's really more myth than reality to the statement.

Let us, therefore, examine the various types of loans, the way interest is calculated, and the repayment on these loans.

Consumer Loans

Most of us have first-hand experience with this type of loan. New cars, new furniture, even a consolidation of charge accounts after Christmas can send us rushing to a financial institution

Windows — continued

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looking for money. Low payments are the key. Interest rates are of little concern because low payments are more important than the number of payments.

When dealing with lenders, look at the interest added to the amount (principle) that you are borrowing. Consumer loans have the interest *PRE-CALCULATED* and added to the principle. That total is then divided by the number of payments you will make to arrive at your monthly loan figure.

When starting your payments, you never pay the interest first and principle after. Rather, the institution does its own calculation, and then splits the payment into principle and interest. In the beginning, a large chunk of the payment is put towards interest, and the rest to principle repayment. Towards the end of the loan, the situation is reversed. The reason behind this is simple. Let's look at an example:

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Look at the final payment; the loan is virtually gone, the interest is minimal, and practically the entire payment is now applied to the loan. Too many people wrongly believe the interest is paid off first, and the principle later. But, as you see, it's not the case. There is an interest portion and a principle portion in each monthly payment — hence the term 'blend-ed' payment.

Mortgage Loans

Mortgage loans are not that different from consumer loans. Except, of course, that the numbers are much larger, and the repayment period is counted in years rather than months. With the interest rate fixed for the time frame of your choice, it's easy to calculate the blended payment as described under consumer loans. In mortgage financing, the interest is not added to the principle and spelled out to you on a promissory note (you wouldn't believe your eyes if it was), but the same calculations apply here as they do with consumer loans. With a very small monthly principle repayment in relation to the amount borrowed, it can take up to 30 years to repay the entire loan. And like the consumer loan, the repayment of principle

grows larger every month.

Demand Loans

This type of loan is usually restricted to larger businesses, or to customers with high incomes and good credit. The interest rate on demand loans changes every time the bank alters its prime lending rate. With fluctuating interest rates, it is impossible to predict the payment that will repay the loan within a specified period. Demand loans, therefore, have greater flexibility and may have no fixed repayment or periodic payments within a defined schedule. In most cases however, the interest is calculated and paid monthly.

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A Beauty Pageant For Men

by Peter Racey

Some women may see beauty pageants as nothing more than demeaning exhibitions, but now it appears the tables are about to be turned and the females will be presented with some of that action.

A good man may be hard to find, but that is not stopping the U.S. Man of the Year Pageant from searching. And if he looks cute in a swimsuit, that's even better.

The pageant, billed as the first male beauty contest where the winner won't be judged exclusively by the size of his muscles, will bear a striking resemblance to the cherished Miss America competition.

Loan Financing

— continued

a month by month basis. For those who read about the decline and fall of the Canadian Commercial Bank, you know that they committed the basic of sins in the field of finance.

They gave loans to their customers, and then used the proceeds of the loans to pay the interest on other loans that were already outstanding. I think we all know we can't pay bills by shuffling paper.

That vaunted contest has survived ridicule, feminists, charges of body tinkering, the crooning of Bert Parks, and the combined team of Vanessa Williams and Bob Guccione — and still captured a television audience of nearly 60 million viewers a year.

There will be some differences in the contests, of course. The Man of the Year swimsuit sequence will be topless, the contestants' measurements will hardly be of prime concern, and the theme song most assuredly will not be sung by Bert Parks.

Pageant organizers plan to have a contestant from each state and the District of Columbia. Negotiations are currently underway for television rights to cover the contest, which is to be staged in March 1987 in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Pageant president Veronica Brancato denies charges that the contest is nothing more than a sleazy exhibition of maledom. "We will provide the viewing audience with an event that has the same level of sophistication and commercial appeal as other national pageants."

Organizers are hoping to "offer a role model, someone to look up to who is not Rambo or Ninja, and who says it's okay to

be a regular guy."

Pageant officials are proud that the contest will be open to both single and married men, and that greater attention will be paid to qualities other than good looks and measurements.

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As the Association grew, it began to encompass a wide spectrum of women in terms of age, income, education, and outlook. The Association decided to find its own specific facts on women in the Black community, and obtained financial assistance from the Federal and Provincial sources to carry out the project. The findings of this research were made public in the summer of 1983.

The most common problem among Black women at that time seemed to be cultural isolation.

This was evidenced by the strongly expressed need for Black cultural activities and Black content in audiovisual and print media. As a result of this, the Association decided to (a) place an emphasis on cultural programs and activities; and

(b) develop a communication network that would effectively reach out to Black women.

Following the first initiative a proposal was submitted to the Alberta Cultural Heritage Foundation and Multiculturalism Canada for assistance in operating an experimental cultural communications centre project.

The objectives are:

(a) to encourage and foster the participation of Blacks in the preservation and promotion of their culture; and

(b) to support and contribute to the development of understanding of various cultures within the Black community.

The activities of the project include:

(1) An historical and cultural exhibition which was held in the cultural centre from March 24 to 31, 1985. This was a community involvement project which featured cultural and historical material representing the various ethnic-cultural groups within the Black community.

(2) Black cultural display held at the Provincial Museum from August 1 to September 12, 1985. This display featured different aspects of Black Art, African, Afro-Caribbean, and local Black Pioneers.

(3) A display of Literary materials done by Black authors was held at the Edmonton Convention Centre on April 14, 1984. This was in conjunction with the Alberta Book Fair.

Additionally, this Association sponsored a conference on Blacks and multiculturalism that was held at the Edmonton Convention Centre several years ago.

We also participated in Black History Month in 1984 with an International Fashion and Food Fair at the Hotel Vega in February. More recently, we again took part in the Black History Month celebrations at the Muttart Conservatory, just several months back.

Our association is fortunate to have office space to carry out its projects and activities. Presently the administration duties of the office are performed by volunteers whose efforts are greatly appreciated by all members of the group. Periodically, the Association has participated in Federal and Provincial programs to provide employment and job training for individuals who qualify for the programs. For example, the Priority Employment Program, the Student Temporary Employment Program, and the Summer Experience Development Program.

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by Alan Shapiro

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by Sy Sims

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Fats told his one-eyed challenger, "only way you can beat me is

to lock me up with handcuffs", as he poked in five balls in one shot during an exhibition in Atlanta, Georgia. "I can beat anybody living on earth."

Fats also truly believes he's the world's greatest talker. No one can dispute the fact the pool legend has

promoted the game, and himself, to almost legendary proportions.

It was a 1961 movie, *The Hustler* with Jackie Gleason playing Minnesota Fats and Paul Newman his protegee, that transmitted the legend of Fats outside the pool hall and into the eyes of the North American public.

That classic film turned almost everyone on to Fats. And with

the recent film release of *The Colour of Money* — a sequel to *The Hustler* — it seems the world is preparing for another hate/love-in.

"What made pool today was that movie and me hollering and screaming all the time," said Fats. "Before *The Hustler* there were two million people playing pool. Now there's one hundred million playing."

In truth, Fats is not all that endeared to the silver screen. To his way of thinking, it's a little too glitzy for the smoky reality of the pool hall.

Fats has always objected to the continued Page 64

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Not unexpectedly, a vast majority of students enrolling in Hebrew University are from the East, but Morris believes the numbers from western provinces will increase as the school's transfer programs become better known.

All foreign students at the university study on Mount Scopus campus, and are taught by some of the top scholars in the Middle East, as well as noted guest speakers and lecturers from all over the world.

"There is so much history to hear about and explore", Morris said. "You can read

about a site one day and see it in person the next. Our school is very actively involved in arranging planned excursions around the country, including places like Massada and Elat."

To quickly introduce students to the ways and means of Israeli life, a Hebrew immersion course — the Ulpan — is offered at the beginning of the semester and runs for two months. Students must take this course, which is accepted by Canadian universities as a language credit.

While some students may find the language problem slow-going at first (most Israelis, particularly the young, speak fluent English anyway) they shouldn't have much trouble adapting to a Mediterranean climate. With the exception of an annual mid-summer heat spell, the weather in most parts of Israel, from autumn right through to the following spring, is comparable to any Greek Island.

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Animals have long been known to secrete pheromones that typically function as sex stimulants. Although the existence of such chemicals in humans has long been speculated, the new research is the first to establish it.

The human pheromones are not sex attractants, nor do they act almost immediately as animal pheromones do. Instead, the human pheromones act over a period of weeks or months to alter the timing of women's menstrual cycles.

The discovery, made by scientists at the Monell Chemical Senses Centre and the University of Pennsylvania Medical School, is believed to help

explain a long series of puzzling findings — linking sexual behaviours and the health of a woman's reproductive system — that the researchers have obtained in a series of studies over 13 years.

In the studies, it found that women who have sex with men at least once a week are more likely to have normal-length menstrual cycles, fewer infertility problems, and a milder menopause than women who are celibate or who have sex in a sporadic "feast or famine" pattern.

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synthetic versions for various practical applications.

Among the possibilities are nasal sprays to correct certain forms of infertility, to regularize the menstrual

cycle, to make the rhythm method of birth control more reliable, and to delay or ameliorate menopause.

The Philadelphia researchers have been able to duplicate some of the male pheromone's effects by exposing women, who had no current sexual relationship, to male pheromones in what they dubbed "male essence". This contained substances extracted from alcohol from absorbent pads that males wore under their arms.

Their study was conducted with female volunteers whose menstrual cycles were longer than 33 days, or shorter than 26, deviations from the normal average of 29.5 days. Three times a week the women came to the clinic to have male essence rubbed under their noses. The women said they could smell only the alcohol.

After about 12 to 14 weeks, their menstrual cycles changed, slowing in some cases and speeding up in others, to approximately 29.5 days. A control group of similar women who were dosed only with plain alcohol showed no significant change in the cycle length.

In a related experi-

ment, the scientists found that women produce another pheromone that can cause other women's menstrual cycles to shift into synchrony. The researchers used a similarly obtained "female essence" which was collected at measured intervals during the donor's menstrual cycle and administered in the same sequence.

Within a few menstrual cycles, the recipients shifted their cycles to synchronize with those of the donor. This finding confirms widely-reported stories that women who live or work together eventually develop synchronized menstrual cycles.

Although claims of discovering a human pheromone are not new, the older claims have not been based on controlled experiments, and most scientists have not found the arguments very persuasive. The new findings will be published later this month in a prestigious scientific journal.



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As the centuries passed the Greeks minted coins as did the Romans who used bronze as well as gold and silver. These coins became widely distributed as the Roman legions marched forth in conquest expanding the boundaries of the mighty empire. But production diminished and the supply of coins increased.

This eventually led to a loss in value of the currency and by 395 A.D. it took 16 tons of bronze coins to purchase half a hundred weight of wheat in the Port of Alexandria. The great Roman

Empire crumbled, the barbarians invaded and for seven centuries the economy of Europe lay dormant.

As the West declined the economies of the Eastern civilizations flourished, producing silks, spices, precious stones and other articles of trade. Then came the rise of Venice, the city of canals and waterways built by refugees from the barbarian invasion. Venice became the great seaport of the Adriatic by the 14th century.

Trading with the East was vigorous, goods being exchanged for gold. Then a pound of silk was worth two and a half times its weight in gold. During the Renaissance gold was used extensively by artisans, usually commissioned by the church in Rome. Feudal lords used it to hold power — with gold you could buy mercenary soldiers to fight wars.

As the economy expanded the supply of the precious metal dwindled and Europe was thrown into a depression. There was a need to find more gold. And where to find it? Well, it was believed that the sun had some effect on the production and since the sun was hottest at the equator that is where it would most likely be discovered.

So under the auspices of Henry the Navigator of Portugal the great galleons set sail across the Atlantic Ocean and discovered South America with its rich treasures. Then

conquistadors conquered and plundered and the galleons returned to Europe with loaded cargoes of precious metals.

These were the days of the pirate ships which lay in wait hoping to share the prize.

Once again the amount of gold in the system exceeded the quantity of goods produced and inflation set in. Ultimately, however, the mines of South America were depleted and by 1650 continued Page 67

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Gold — continued
gold was again a scarce commodity. Inflation gave way to deflation which lasted for almost a hundred years.

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again. Gold was discovered in 1744 in the Ural Mountains of Russia. In 1848 gold nuggets were dredged out of the Sacramento River in California

leading to a great gold rush there.

Subsequent discoveries were made in Australia and New Zealand. In the 1880s gold was found in South Africa, and in 1897 a major discovery was made in the Yukon and Alaska introducing a colorful episode in Canadian history.

Till this time the gold discovered was alluvial, that is in the form of nugget found on the surface of the earth at little cost. The South African gold, however, was in veins that extended deep into the earth and had to be mined.

Gold was first used as a standard of value in the late 1700s. By the middle of the 1800s many nations were on this standard. For example 1879-1933 the U.S. dollar was worth 1/20 of an ounce of gold; 1933-1971 the dollar value was set at 1/35 of an ounce.

In 1968 a two tier

gold price was introduced, one price for international exchange settlement between central banks, otherwise the price was to be arrived at in the free market.

In 1971 the U.S. suspended the convertibility of the dollar to gold, and in that same year the International Monetary Fund decreed that the official price of gold be abolished. Since that time gold has traded as high as U.S. \$850 in 1980 at the height of inflation and is presently around U.S. \$300.

All gold produced does not flow into the market place. Some is held as the official gold reserves of nations. Large supplies are also held by central banks and the International Monetary Fund.

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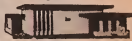
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